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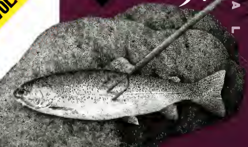
日本古来の漁具の一つ。手に持って目的物を刺すか、投射して刺すかの2種。後者は手投げと弓、銃砲、発条投射器を用いるものとに分かれる。原始的タイプの前者は普通、魚扠（やす）と呼ばれ、逆カギの鋭利な鉄製刺突部と柄が固着している。素もぐりや簡易漁具を装着して、獲物を刺す。



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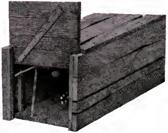
古来より、鳥獣を捕える手段として、諸民族の間で広く使用されている猟具。大部分の未開民族は、なんらかの罠を用いている。現在、日本では罠は法定猟具となっていて、甲種狩猟免許が必要。しかも、罠で鳥類を捕ることは禁じられ、獣類のみである。なお、罠は括罠（くくりわな）箱罠（はこわな）箱落し（はこおとし）圧板（おし）虎挟み（とらばさみ）と大きく5種類に分類される。



飯盒（はんごう）

炊飯兼用の弁当箱。元来、兵士が行軍や演習、戦闘時に、常に背嚢（はいのう）に身につける軍用の個人用炊具と携行食の容器とを兼ねたもの。最近は登山やキャンプ、非常時の小形炊具として使われているが、それも軽金属アルミニウムのおかげである。

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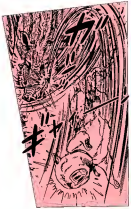

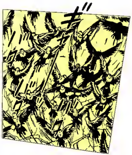

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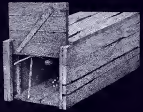

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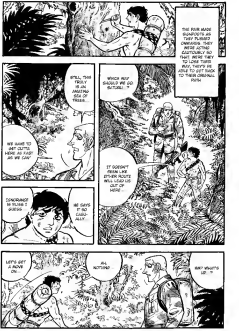
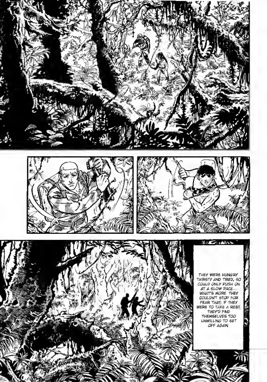
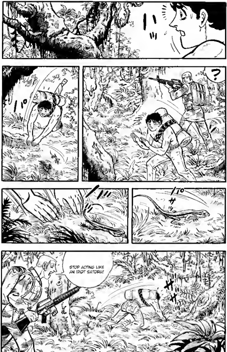

THE PAIR MADE SIGNPOSTS AS THEY PUSHED ONWARDS. THEY WERE ACTING CAUTIOUSLY SO THAT, WERE THEY TO LOSE THEIR WAY, THEY'D BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL PATH
WHICH WAY SHOULD WE GO SATORU...?
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE EITHER ROUTE WILL LEAD US OUT OF HERE...
STILL, THIS TRULY IS AN AMAZING SEA OF TREES...
WE HAVE TO GET OUTTA HERE AS FAST AS WE CAN!
HE SAYS IT SO CASUALLY...
IGNORANCE IS BLISS I GUESS...
HM? WHAT'S UP...?
AH, NOTHING...
LET'S GET A MOVE ON...


THEY WERE HUNGRY THIRSTY AND TIRED, SO COULD ONLY PUSH ON AT A SLOW PACE... WHAT'S MORE THEY COULDN'T STOP FOR FEAR THAT IF THEY WERE TO TAKE A REST THEY'D FIND THEMSELVES TOO UNWILLING TO SET OFF AGAIN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STOP ACTING LIKE AN IDIOT SATORU!!
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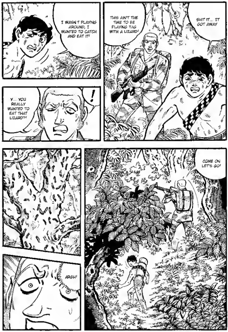
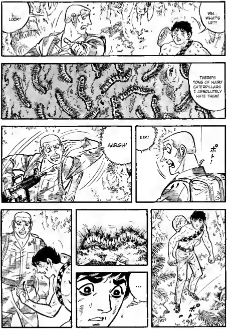

SHIT IT... IT GOT AWAY
THIS AIN'T THE TIME TO BE PLAYING TAG WITH A LIZARD!
I WASN'T PLAYING AROUND, I WANTED TO CATCH AND EAT IT!
!
Y... YOU REALLY WANTED TO EAT THAT LIZARD?!
COME ON LET'S GO!
ARGH!


L LOOK!
WH WHAT'S UP?!
THERE'S TONS OF HAIRY CATERPILLARS! I ABSOLUTELY HATE THEM!
AARGH!
EEK!
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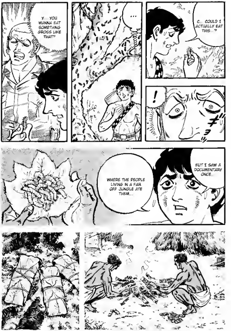
...
ポトッ


C... COULD I ACTUALLY EAT THIS...?
!
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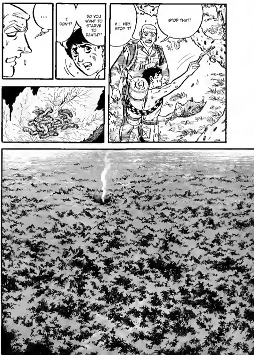
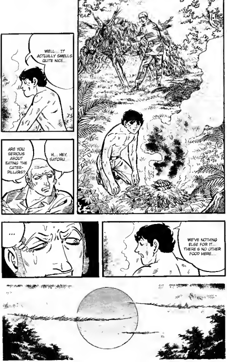
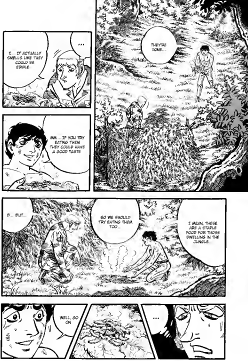
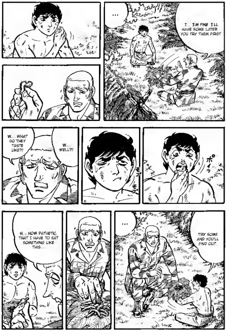
...
Y... YOU WANNA EAT SOMETHING GROSS LIKE THAT?
BUT I SAW A DOCUMENTARY ONCE...
WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVING IN A FAR OFF JUNGLE ATE THEM...


STOP THAT!
H... HEY STOP IT!
DO YOU WANT TO STARVE TO DEATH?!
I DON'T!
...


WELL... IT ACTUALLY SMELLS QUITE NICE...
H... HEY, SATORU...
ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT EATING THE CATERPILLARS?
...
WE'VE NOTHING ELSE FOR IT... THERE'S NO OTHER FOOD HERE...


THEY'RE DONE...
...
I... IT ACTUALLY SMELLS LIKE THEY COULD BE EDIBLE
MM... IF YOU TRY EATING THEM THEY COULD HAVE A GOOD TASTE
I MEAN, THESE ARE A STAPLE FOOD FOR THOSE DWELLING IN THE JUNGLE
SO WE SHOULD TRY EATING THEM TOO...
B... BUT...
...
WELL, GO ON


I... I'M FINE I'LL HAVE SOME LATER YOU TRY THEM FIRST
...
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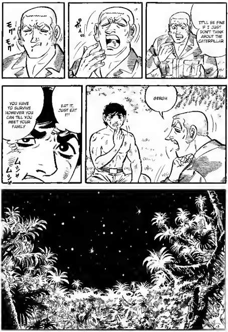
W... WELL?!
W... WHAT DO THEY TASTE LIKE?!
TRY SOME AND YOU'LL FIND OUT
...
H... HOW PATHETIC THAT I HAVE TO EAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS...


IT'LL BE FINE IF I JUST DON'T THINK ABOUT THE CATERPILLAR
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GERGH
EAT IT JUST EAT IT!
YOU HAVE TO SURVIVE HOWEVER YOU CAN TILL YOU MEET YOUR FAMILY
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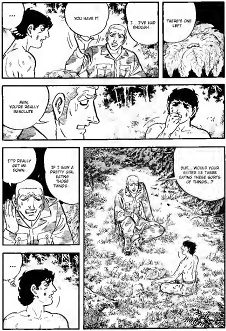
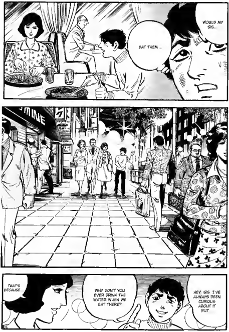
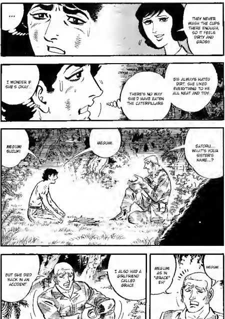
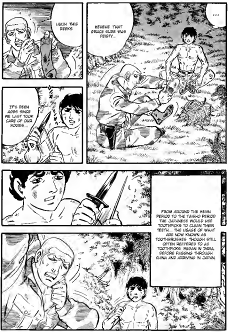
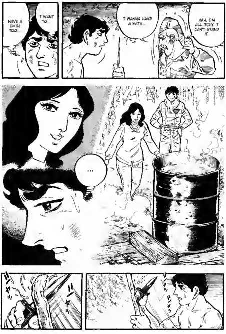

...
YOU HAVE IT.
I... I'VE HAD ENOUGH...
THERE'S ONE LEFT
MAN, YOU'RE REALLY RESOLUTE
IT'D REALLY GET ME DOWN
IF I SAW A PRETTY GIRL EATING THOSE THINGS.
...
BUT... WOULD YOUR SISTER BE THERE EATING THESE SORTS OF THINGS...?


WOULD MY SIS...
EAT THEM ...
MINE
HEY SIS I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT IT BUT
WHY DON'T YOU EVER DRINK THE WATER WHEN WE EAT THERE?
THAT'S BECAUSE


THEY NEVER WASH THE CUPS THERE ENOUGH, SO IT FEELS DIRTY AND GROSS
...
SIS ALWAYS HATED DIRT. SHE LIKED EVERYTHING TO BE ALL NEAT AND TIDY
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D HAVE EATEN THE CATERPILLARS
I WONDER IF SHE'S OKAY
SATORU... WHAT'S YOUR SISTER'S NAME...?
MEGUMI.
MEGUMI SUZUKI
MEGUMI...
MEGUMI AS IN "GRACE" EH!
I ALSO HAD A GIRLFRIEND CALLED GRACE
BUT SHE DIED BACK IN AN ACCIDENT


HEHEHE THAT GRACE SURE WAS FEISTY...
...
UUUH THIS REEKS
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE WE LAST TOOK CARE OF OUR BODIES...
FROM AROUND THE HEIAN PERIOD TO THE TAISHO PERIOD THE JAPANESE WOULD USE TOOTHPICKS TO CLEAN THEIR TEETH... THE USAGE OF WHAT ARE NOW KNOWN AS TOOTHBRUSHES THOUGH STILL OFTEN REFFERED TO AS TOOTHPICKS BEGAN IN INDIA, BEFORE PASSING THROUGH CHINA AND ARRIVING IN JAPAN.


AAH, I'M ALL ITCHY I CAN'T STAND IT
I WANNA HAVE A BATH...
I WANT TO
HAVE A BATH TOO...
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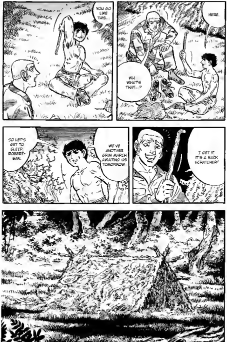
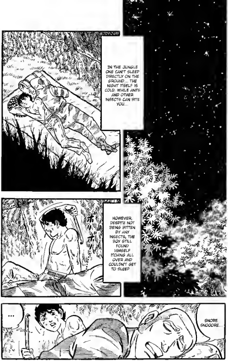
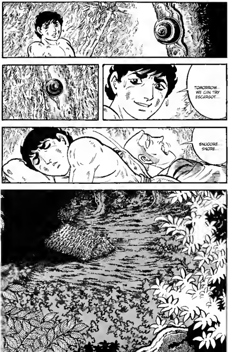
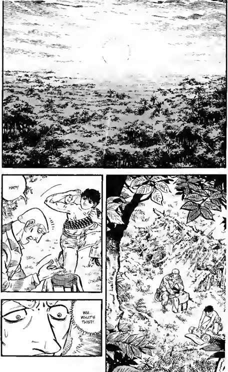
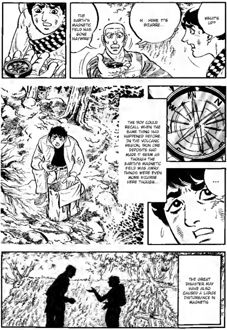
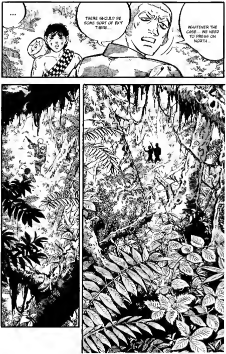

HERE.
WH WHAT'S THAT...?
YOU GO LIKE THIS...
I GET IT IT'S A BACK SCRATCHER!
WE'VE ANOTHER GRIM MARCH AWAITING US TOMORROW
SO LET'S GET TO SLEEP ROBERT-SAN.


IN THE JUNGLE ONE CAN'T SLEEP DIRECTLY ON THE GROUND... THE NIGHT ITSELF IS COLD, WHILE ANTS AND OTHER INSECTS CAN BITE YOU...
HOWEVER, DESPITE NOT BEING BITTEN BY ANY INSECTS, THE BOY STILL FOUND HIMSELF ITCHING ALL OVER AND COULDN'T GET TO SLEEP
ポリポリ…
SNORE SNOOORE...
...


TOMORROW... WE CAN TRY ESCARGOT...
SNOOORE... SNORE...


HM?!
WH... WHAT'S THIS?!


WHAT'S UP?
H... HERE IT'S BIZARRE...
THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD HAS GONE HAYWIRE!
THE BOY COULD RECALL WHEN THE SAME THING HAD HAPPENED BEFORE IN THE VOLCANIC REGION, IRON ORE DEPOSITS HAD MADE IT SEEM AS THOUGH THE EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD WAS AWRY THINGS WERE EVEN MORE BIZARRE HERE THOUGH...
...
THE GREAT DISASTER MAY HAVE ALSO CAUSED A LARGE DISTURBANCE IN MAGNETIS


WHATEVER THE CASE... WE NEED TO PRESS ON NORTH...
THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF EXIT THERE...
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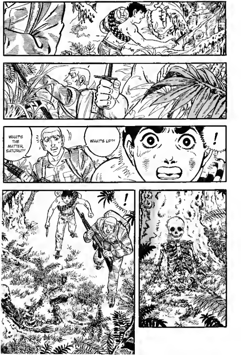
WHAT'S THE MATTER SATORU?!
WHAT'S UP?!
!
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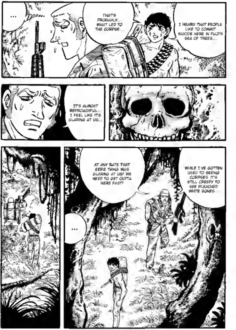
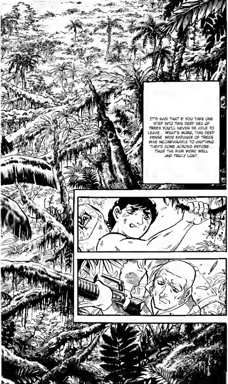
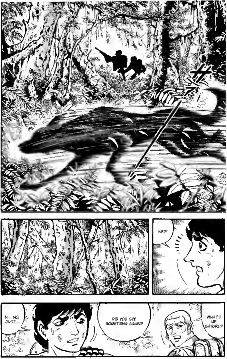
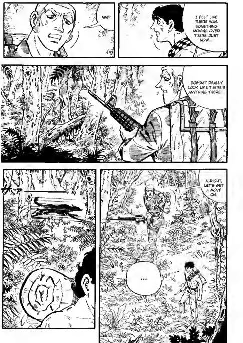

I HEARD THAT PEOPLE LIKE TO COMMIT SUICIDE HERE IN FUJI'S SEA OF TREES...
THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT LED TO THE CORPSE...
...
IT'S ALMOST REPROACHFUL... I FEEL LIKE IT'S GLARING AT US...
WHILE I'VE GOTTEN USED TO SEEING CORPSES, IT'S STILL CREEPY TO SEE BLEACHED WHITE BONES...
AT ANY RATE THAT EERIE THING WAS GLARING AT US! WE NEED TO GET OUTTA HERE FAST!
...


IT'S SAID THAT IF YOU TAKE ONE STEP INTO THIS DEEP SEA OF TREES YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE… WHAT'S MORE, THIS DEEP DENSE WIDE EXPANSE OF TREES WAS INCOMPARABLE TO ANYTHING THEY'D COME ACROSS BEFORE… THUS THE PAIR WERE WELL AND TRULY LOST.


HM?!
WHAT'S UP SATORU?
DID YOU SEE SOMETHING AGAIN?
N... NO, JUST...


I FELT LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING MOVING OVER THERE JUST NOW...
MM?
DOESN'T REALLY LOOK LIKE THERE'S ANYTHING THERE...
ALRIGHT, LET'S GET A MOVE ON.
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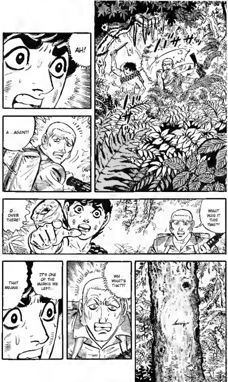
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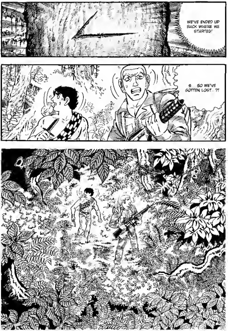
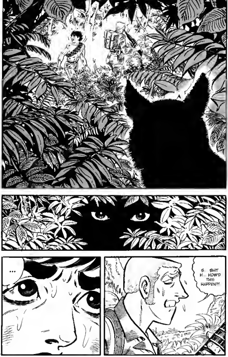
AH!
A... AGAIN?!
WHAT WAS IT THIS TIME?!
O... OVER THERE!
WH... WHAT'S THAT?!
IT'S ONE OF THE MARKS WE LEFT...
THAT MEANS...


WE'VE ENDED UP BACK WHERE WE STARTED!
S... SO WE'VE GOTTEN LOST...?!


S... SHIT
H... HOW'D THIS HAPPEN?!
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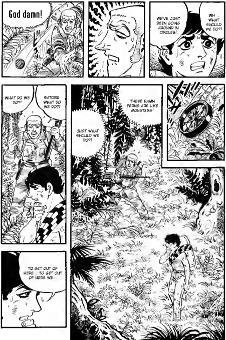
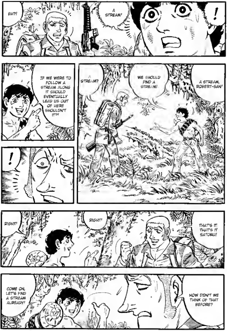
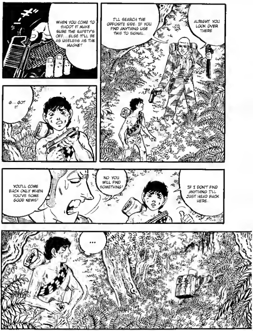

God damn!
WE'VE JUST BEEN GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES!
WH— WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
WHAT DO WE DO?!
SATORU WHAT DO WE DO?!
THESE DAMN FERNS ARE LIKE MONSTERS!
JUST WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
TO GET OUT OF HERE TO GET OUT OF HERE WE—


!
A STREAM!
EH?!
A STREAM, ROBERT-SAN!
WE SHOULD FIND A STREAM!
A STREAM?
IF WE WERE TO FOLLOW A STREAM ALONG IT SHOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD US OUT OF HERE SHOULDN'T IT?!
!
THAT'S IT THAT'S IT SATORU!!
RIGHT!
RIGHT!
HOW DIDN'T WE THINK OF THAT BEFORE?
COME ON, LET'S FIND A STREAM ALREADY!


ALRIGHT YOU LOOK OVER THERE
I'LL SEARCH THE OPPOSITE SIDE. IF YOU FIND ANYTHING USE THIS TO SIGNAL.
WHEN YOU COME TO SHOOT IT MAKE SURE THE SAFETY'S OFF... ELSE IT'LL BE AS USELESS AS THE MAGNET
G... GOT IT
IF I DON'T FIND ANYTHING I'LL JUST HEAD BACK HERE.
NO YOU WILL FIND SOMETHING!
YOU'LL COME BACK ONLY WHEN YOU'VE SOME GOOD NEWS!
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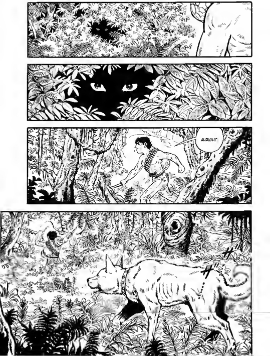
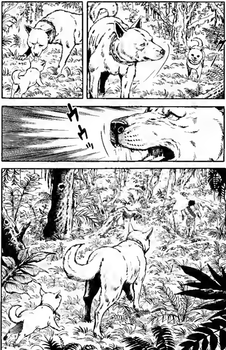
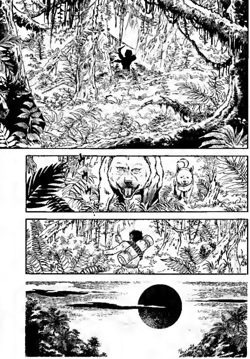

ALRIGHT

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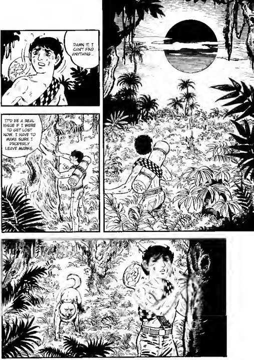
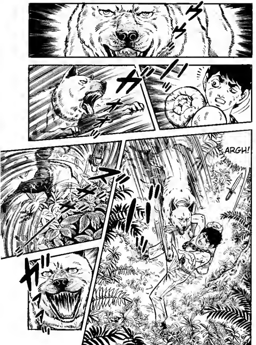

DAMN IT I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING...
IT'D BE A REAL ISSUE IF I WERE TO GET LOST NOW. I HAVE TO MAKE SURE I PROPERLY LEAVE MARKS.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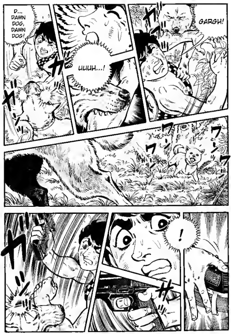
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D... DAMN DOG, DAMN DOG!
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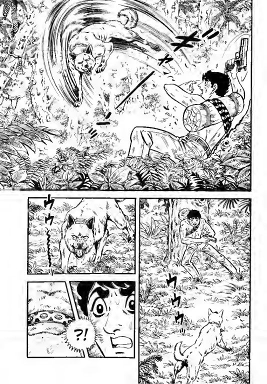
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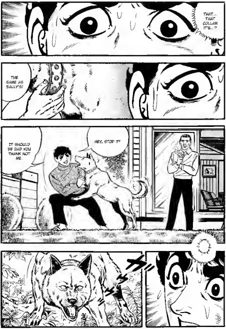
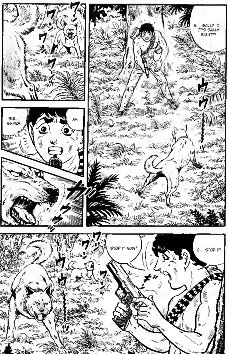

THAT... THAT COLLAR IT'S...?
THE SAME AS SALLY'S!
IT SHOULD BE DAD YOU THANK NOT ME
HEY, STOP IT!


S... SALLY I... IT'S SALLY RIGHT?!
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S... STOP IT!
STOP IT NOW!
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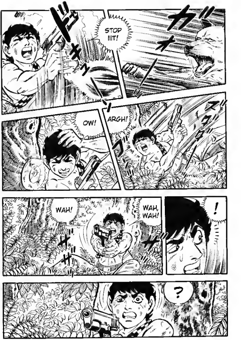
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WAH, WAH!
WAH!
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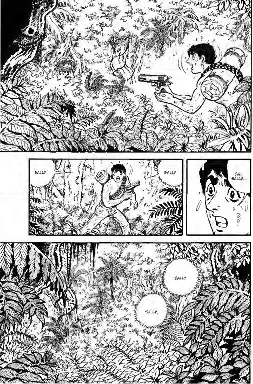
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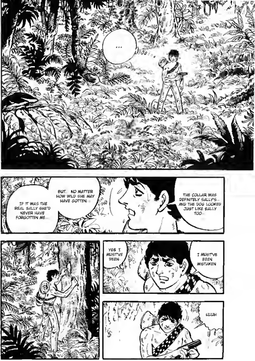
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THE COLLAR WAS DEFINITELY SALLY'S... AND THE DOG LOOKED JUST LIKE SALLY TOO...
BUT... NO MATTER HOW WILD SHE MAY HAVE GOTTEN...
IF IT WAS THE REAL SALLY SHE'D NEVER HAVE FORGOTTEN ME...
I MUST'VE BEEN MISTAKEN
YES I MUST'VE BEEN
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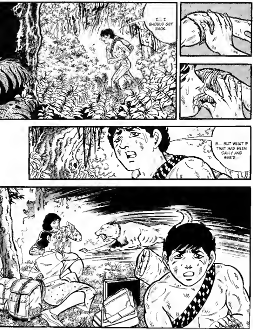
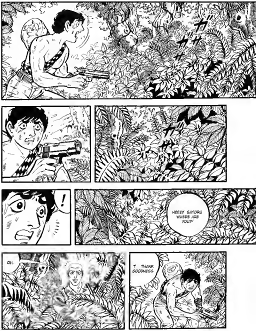

I… I SHOULD GET BACK.
B… BUT WHAT IF THAT HAD BEEN SALLY AND SHE'D…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HEEEY SATORU WHERE ARE YOU?!
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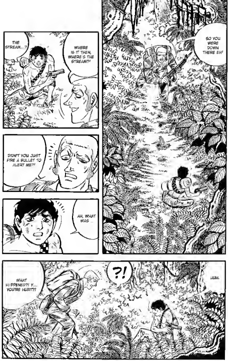
T THANK GOODNESS
OH.


SO YOU WERE DOWN THERE EH!
WHERE IS IT THEN, WHERE'S THE STREAM?!
THE STREAM...?
DIDN'T YOU JUST FIRE A BULLET TO ALERT ME?!
AH, WHAT WAS...
UUH.
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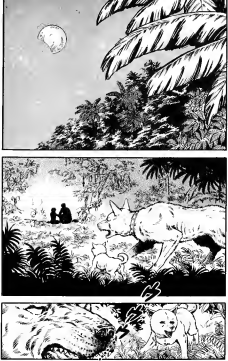
WHAT HAPPENED?! Y... YOU'RE HURT?!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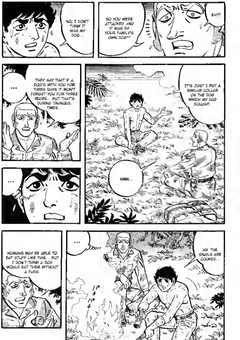
EH?!
SO YOU WERE ATTACKED AND IT WAS BY YOUR FAMILY'S OWN DOG?!
NO, I DON'T THINK IT WAS MY DOG...
IT'S JUST I PUT A SIMILAR COLLAR ON THE DOG WHICH MY DAD BOUGHT.
HMM...
...
THEY SAY THAT IF A DOG'S WITH YOU FOR THREE DAYS IT WON'T FORGET YOU FOR THREE YEARS... BUT THAT'S DURING TRANQUIL TIMES
...
AH THE SNAILS ARE COOKED...
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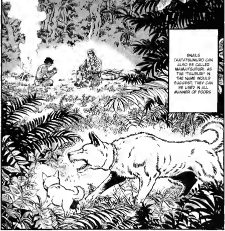
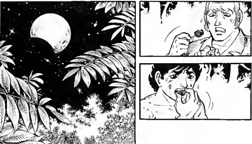
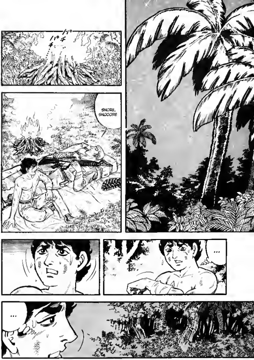
HUMANS MAY BE ABLE TO EAT STUFF LIKE THIS... BUT I DON'T THINK A DOG WOULD EAT THEM WITHOUT A FUSS


SNAILS (KATATSUMURI) CAN ALSO BE CALLED MAMAITSUBURI. AS THE "TSUBURI" IN THE NAME WOULD SUGGEST, THEY CAN BE USED IN ALL MANNER OF FOODS

T/N: WHELKS (TSUBU) ARE A POPULAR FOOD ITEM IN JAPAN

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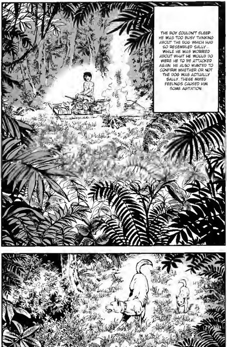
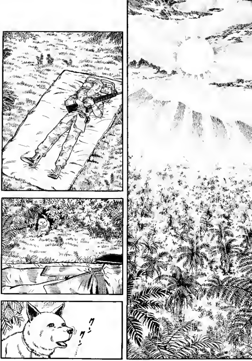

THE BOY COULDN'T SLEEP. HE WAS TOO BUSY THINKING ABOUT THE DOG WHICH HAD SO RESEMBLED SALLY... WHILE HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT WHAT HE WOULD DO WERE HE TO BE ATTACKED AGAIN, HE ALSO WANTED TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT THE DOG WAS ACTUALLY SALLY. THESE MIXED FEELINGS CAUSED HIM SOME AGITATION.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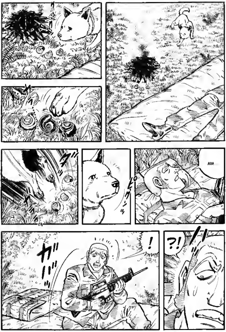
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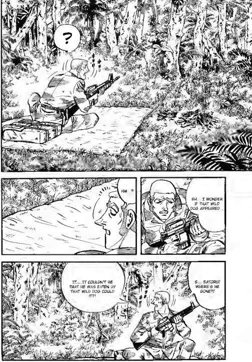
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EH... I WONDER IF THAT WILD DOG APPEARED
HM ?
S... SATORU! WHERE'S HE GONE?!
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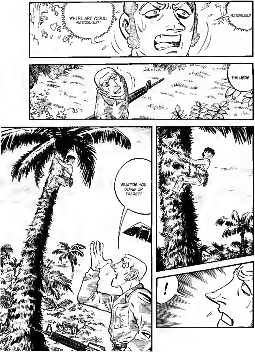
IT... IT COULDN'T BE THAT HE WAS EATEN BY THAT WILD DOG COULD IT?!


SATORUUU!
WHERE ARE YOUUU, SATORUUU?!
I'M HERE
WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP THERE?!
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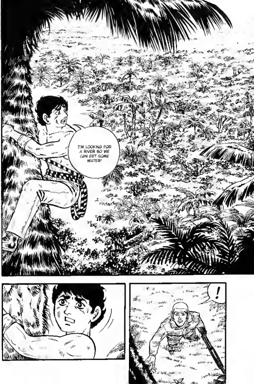
I'M LOOKING FOR A RIVER SO WE CAN GET SOME WATER!
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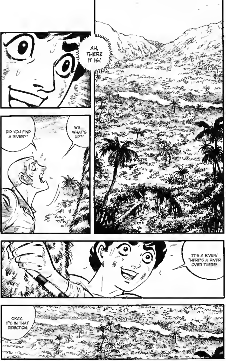
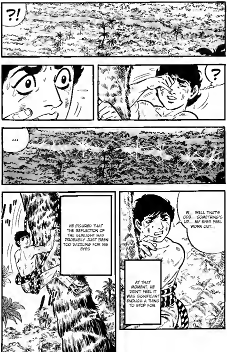

AH, THERE IT IS!
WH WHAT'S UP?!
DID YOU FIND A RIVER?!
IT'S A RIVER! THERE'S A RIVER OVER THERE!
OKAY, IT'S IN THAT DIRECTION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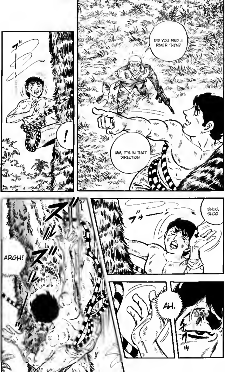
HE FIGURED THAT THE REFLECTION OF THE SUNLIGHT HAD PROBABLY JUST BEEN TOO DAZZLING FOR HIS EYES
W... WELL THAT'S ODD... SOMETHING'S UP... MY EYES FEEL WORN OUT...
AT THAT MOMENT, HE DIDN'T FEEL IT WAS SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH A THING TO STOP FOR


DID YOU FIND A RIVER THEN?
MM, IT'S IN THAT DIRECTION
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SHOO, SHOO
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AH.
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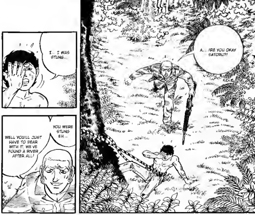
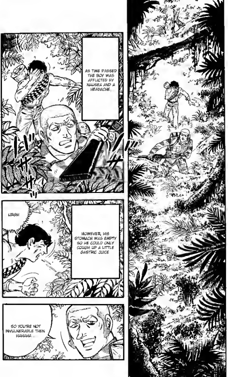
ARGH!


A... ARE YOU OKAY SATORU?!
I... I WAS STUNG...
YOU WERE STUNG EH...
WELL YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO BEAR WITH IT. WE'VE FOUND A RIVER AFTER ALL!


AS TIME PASSED THE BOY WAS AFFLICTED BY NAUSEA AND A HEADACHE
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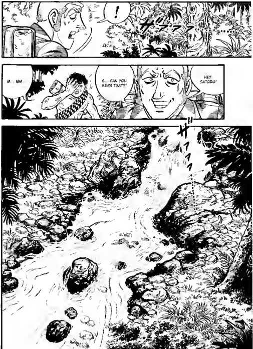
HOWEVER, HIS STOMACH WAS EMPTY SO HE COULD ONLY COUGH UP A LITTLE GASTRIC JUICE
URGH
SO YOU'RE NOT INVULNERABLE THEN HAHAHA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HEY, SATORU!
C... CAN YOU HEAR THAT?!
M... MM
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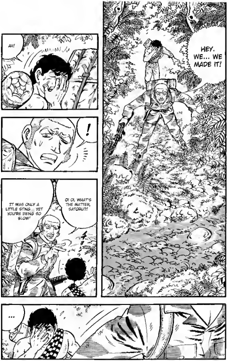
HEY. WE... WE MADE IT!
AH!
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OI OI, WHAT'S THE MATTER, SATORU?!
IT WAS ONLY A LITTLE STING... YET YOU'RE BEING SO SLOW!
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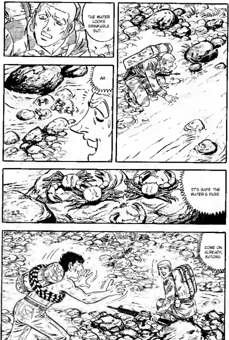
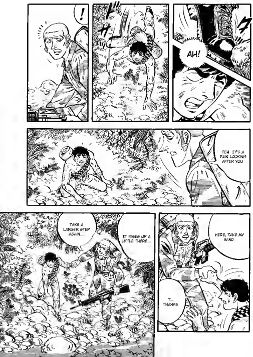

THE WATER LOOKS DRINKABLE BUT...
AH
IT'S SAFE THE WATER'S PURE
COME ON ALREADY, SATORU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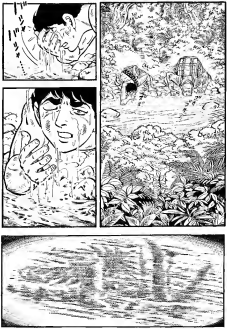
AH!
TCH IT'S A PAIN LOOKING AFTER YOU
HERE, TAKE MY HAND
T... THANKS
IT RISES UP A LITTLE THERE...
TAKE A LARGER STEP AGAIN...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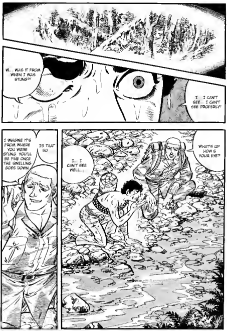
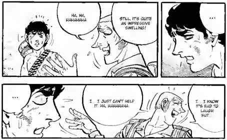

I... I CAN'T SEE... I CAN'T SEE PROPERLY!
W... WAS IT FROM WHEN I WAS STUNG?!
WHAT'S UP HOW'S YOUR EYE?
I... I CAN'T SEE WELL...
IS THAT SO
I IMAGINE IT'S FROM WHERE YOU WERE STUNG YOU'LL BE FINE ONCE THE SWELLING GOES DOWN


...
STILL, IT'S QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE SWELLING!
HA, HA, HAHAHAHA
I... I KNOW IT'S BAD TO LAUGH BUT...
I... I JUST CAN'T HELP IT. HA, HAHAHAHA.
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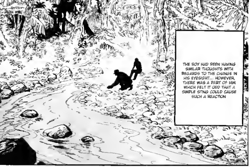
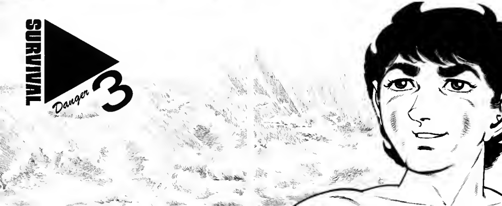

THE BOY HAD BEEN HAVING SIMILAR THOUGHTS WITH REGARDS TO THE CHANGE IN HIS EYESIGHT... HOWEVER, THERE WAS A PART OF HIM WHICH FELT IT ODD THAT A SIMPLE STING COULD CAUSE SUCH A REACTION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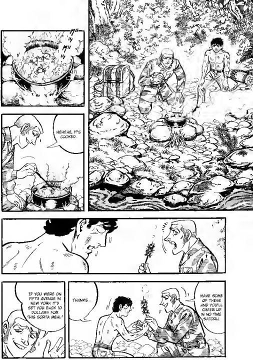
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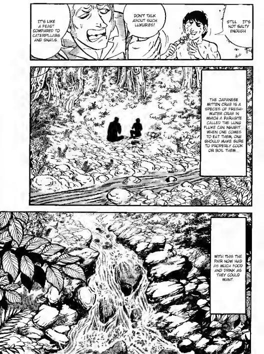
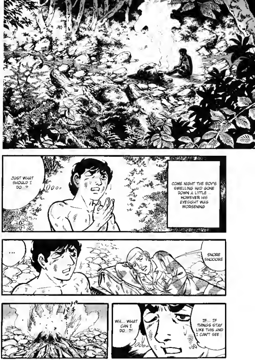
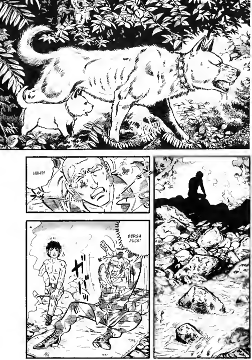
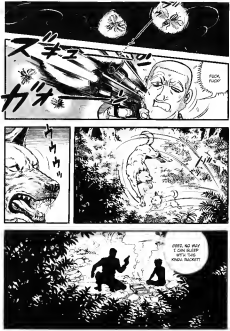
HEHEHE, IT'S COOKED...
HAVE SOME OF THESE AND YOU'LL CHEER UP IN NO TIME SATORU.
THANKS...
IF YOU WERE ON FIFTH AVENUE IN NEW YORK IT'D SET YOU BACK 10 DOLLARS FOR THIS SORTA MEAL!


STILL... IT'S NOT SALTY ENOUGH
DON'T TALK ABOUT SUCH LUXURIES!
IT'S LIKE A FEAST COMPARED TO CATERPILLARS AND SNAILS.
THE JAPANESE MITTEN CRAB IS A SPECIES OF FRESH-WATER CRAB IN WHICH A PARASITE CALLED THE LUNG FLUKE CAN INHABIT... WHEN ONE COMES TO EAT THEM, ONE SHOULD MAKE SURE TO PROPERLY COOK OR BOIL THEM...
WITH THIS THE PAIR NOW HAD AS MUCH FOOD AND DRINK AS THEY COULD WANT.


COME NIGHT THE BOY'S SWELLING HAD GONE DOWN A LITTLE HOWEVER HIS EYESIGHT WAS WORSENING
JUST WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
SNORE SNOOORE
...
IF... IF THINGS STAY LIKE THIS AND I CAN'T SEE
WH... WHAT CAN I DO...?


UUH?!
EERGH FUCK!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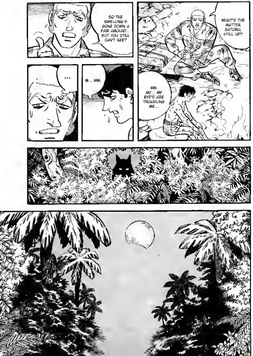
GEEZ, NO WAY I CAN SLEEP WITH THIS KINDA RACKET!


WHAT'S THE MATTER SATORU, STILL UP?
MM.. MY.. MY EYE'S ARE TROUBLING ME...
SO THE SWELLING'S GONE DOWN A FAIR AMOUNT BUT YOU STILL CAN'T SEE?
M... MM.
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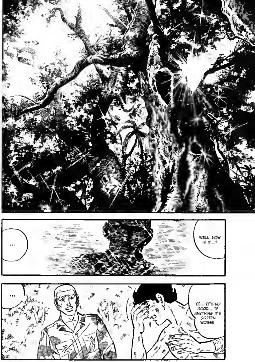
WELL HOW IS IT...?
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IT... IT'S NO GOOD... IF ANYTHING IT'S GOTTEN WORSE
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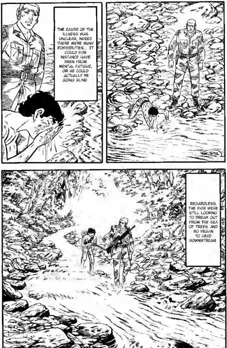
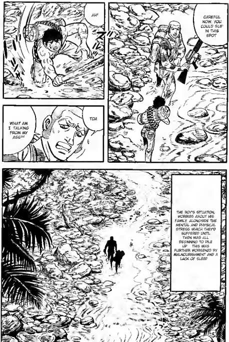

THE CAUSE OF THE ILLNESS WAS UNCLEAR, INDEED THERE WERE MANY POSSIBILITIES... IT COULD FOR INSTANCE HAVE BEEN FROM MENTAL FATIGUE, OR HE COULD ACTUALLY BE GOING BLIND
REGARDLESS, THE PAIR WERE STILL LOOKING TO BREAK OUT FROM THE SEA OF TREES AND SO BEGIN TO HEAD DOWNSTREAM


CAREFUL NOW. YOU COULD SLIP IN THIS SPOT
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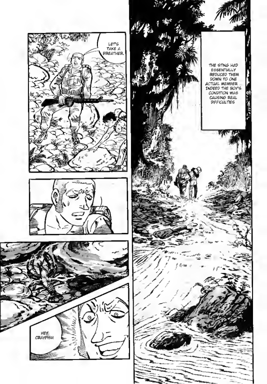
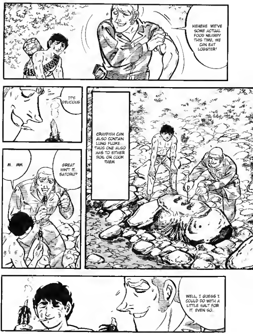
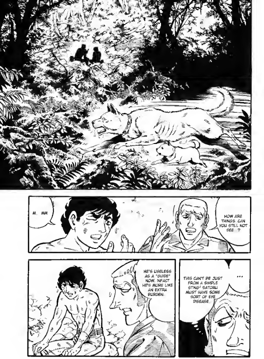
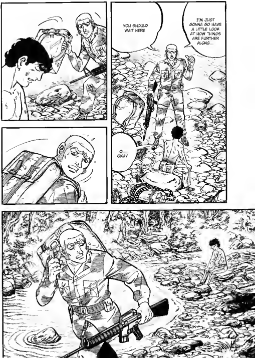
AH!
TCH
WHAT AM I TALKING FROM MY ASS?!
THE BOY'S SITUATION, WORRIES ABOUT HIS FAMILY ALONGSIDE THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL STRESS WHICH THEY'D SUFFERED UNTIL THEN WAS ALL BEGINNING TO PILE UP. THIS WAS FURTHER WORSENED BY MALNOURISHMENT AND A LACK OF SLEEP


THE STING HAD ESSENTIALLY REDUCED THEM DOWN TO ONE ACTUAL MEMBER INDEED THE BOY'S CONDITION WAS CAUSING REAL DIFFICULTIES
LET'S TAKE A BREATHER.
HEY CRAYFISH


HEHEHE WE'VE SOME ACTUAL FOOD NEARBY THIS TIME, WE CAN EAT LOBSTER!
CRAYFISH CAN ALSO CONTAIN LUNG FLUKE THUS ONE ALSO HAS TO EITHER BOIL OR COOK THEM
IT'S DELICIOUS
GREAT ISN'T IT SATORU?
M.. MM
WELL, I GUESS I COULD DO WITH A LITTLE SALT FOR IT EVEN SO.


HOW ARE THINGS CAN YOU STILL NOT SEE ?
M.. MM
...
THIS CAN'T BE JUST FROM A SIMPLE STING! SATORU MUST HAVE SOME SORT OF EYE DISEASE.
HE'S USELESS AS A "GUIDE" NOW. INFACT HE'S MORE LIKE AN EXTRA BURDEN.


YOU SHOULD WAIT HERE
I'M JUST GONNA GO HAVE A LITTLE LOOK AT HOW THINGS ARE FURTHER ALONG...
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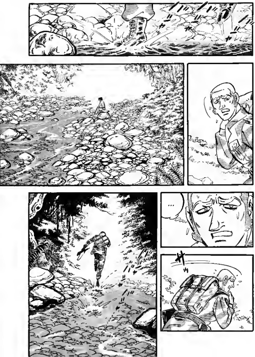
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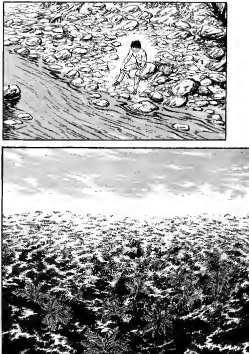

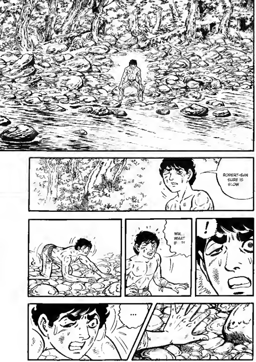
ROBERT-SAN SURE IS SLOW
WH... WHAT IF ?!
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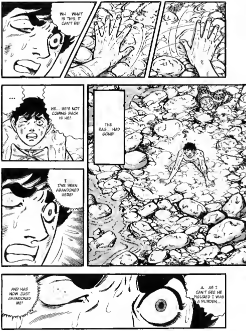
WH... WHAT IS THIS. IT CAN'T BE!
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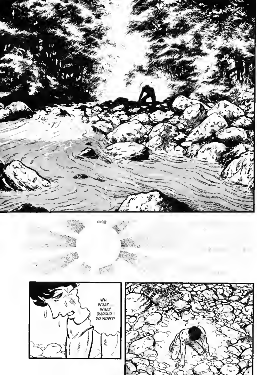
HE... HE'S NOT COMING BACK IS HE!
THE BAG... HAD GONE!
I... I'VE BEEN ABANDONED HERE!
AND HAS NOW JUST ABANDONED ME!
A... AS I CAN'T SEE HE FIGURED I WAS A BURDEN...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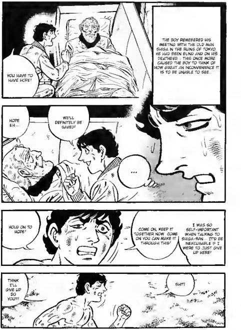
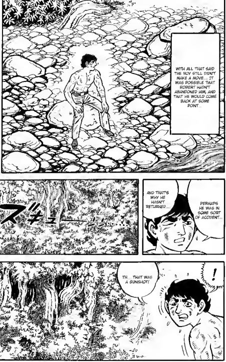
DO NOW?!


YOU HAVE TO HAVE HOPE!
THE BOY REMEMBERED HIS MEETING WITH THE OLD MAN SHIGA IN THE RUINS OF TOKYO HE HAD BEEN BLIND AND ON HIS DEATHBED... THIS ONCE MORE CAUSED THE BOY TO THINK OF HOW GREAT AN INCONVENIENCE IT IS TO BE UNABLE TO SEE...
HOPE EH...
WE'LL DEFINITELY BE SAVED!
...
HOLD ON TO HOPE!
COME ON, KEEP IT TOGETHER NOW. COME ON YOU CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THIS!
I WAS SO SELF-IMPORTANT WHEN TALKING TO SHIGA-SAN... IT'D BE INEXCUSABLE IF I WERE TO JUST GIVE UP HERE!
THINK I'LL GIVE UP DO YOU?!
SHIT!


WITH ALL THAT SAID THE BOY STILL DIDN'T MAKE A MOVE... IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT ROBERT HADN'T ABANDONED HIM, AND THAT HE WOULD COME BACK AT SOME POINT...
PERHAPS HE WAS IN SOME SORT OF ACCIDENT...
AND THAT'S WHY HE HASN'T RETURNED...
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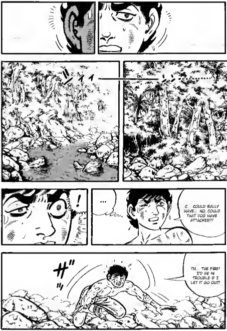
TH... THAT WAS A GUNSHOT!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C… COULD SALLY HAVE… NO COULD THAT DOG HAVE ATTACKED?!
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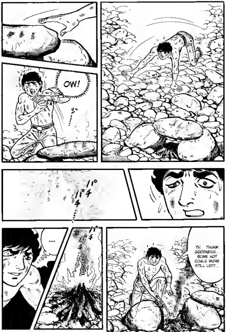
TH… THE FIRE! I'D BE IN TROUBLE IF I LET IT GO OUT!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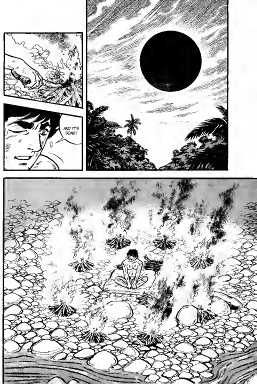
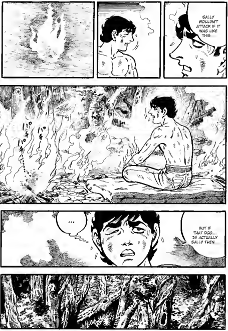
TH THANK GOODNESS SOME HOT COALS WERE STILL LEFT...


AND IT'S DONE!


SALLY WOULDN'T ATTACK IF IT WAS LIKE THIS...
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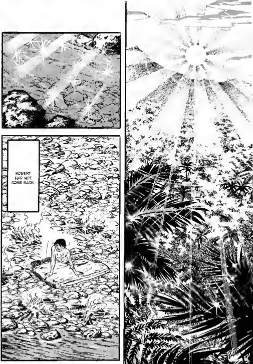
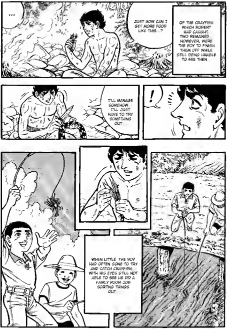
...
BUT IF THAT DOG... IS ACTUALLY SALLY THEN


ROBERT HAD NOT COME BACK


...
JUST HOW CAN I GET MORE FOOD LIKE THIS ...?
OF THE CRAYFISH WHICH ROBERT HAD CAUGHT, TWO REMAINED. HOWEVER, WERE THE BOY TO FINISH THEM OFF WHILE STILL BEING UNABLE TO SEE THEN
I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW. I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY SOMETHING OUT
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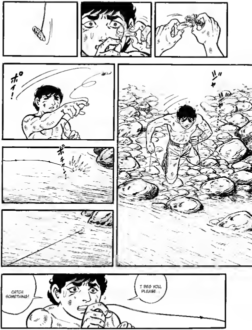
WHEN LITTLE THE BOY HAD OFTEN GONE TO TRY AND CATCH CRAYFISH WITH HIS EYES STILL NOT ABLE TO SEE HE DID A FAIRLY POOR JOB SORTING THINGS OUT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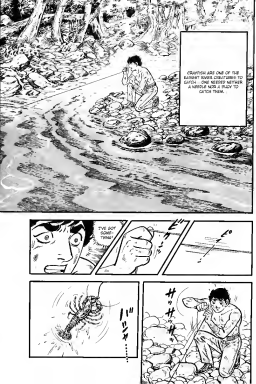
CATCH SOMETHING!
I BEG YOU, PLEASE.


CRAYFISH ARE ONE OF THE EASIEST RIVER CREATURES TO CATCH – ONE NEEDED NEITHER A NEEDLE NOR A BUOY TO CATCH THEM.
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I'VE GOT SOMETHING!
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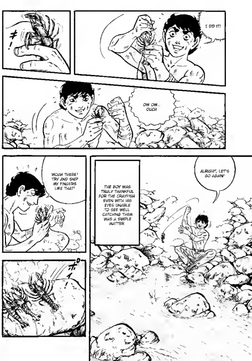
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I DID IT!
OW OW... OUCH
WOAH THERE! TRY AND SNIP MY FINGERS LIKE THAT!
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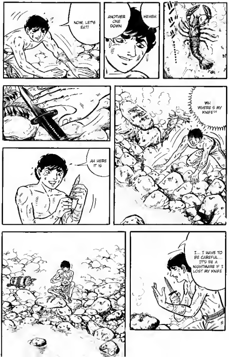
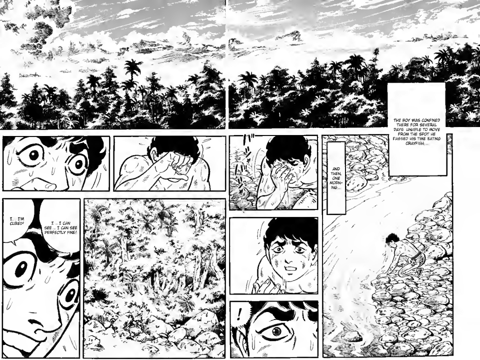
THE BOY WAS TRULY THANKFUL FOR THE CRAYFISH EVEN WITH HIS EYES UNABLE TO SEE WELL CATCHING THEM WAS A SIMPLE MATTER
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO AGAIN!


NOW, LET'S EAT!
ANOTHER ONE DOWN
HEHEH
WH WHERE'S MY KNIFE?!
AH HERE IT IS
I... I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL... IT'D BE A NIGHTMARE IF I LOST MY KNIFE


THE BOY WAS CONFINED THERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS. UNABLE TO MOVE FROM THE SPOT HE PASSED HIS TIME EATING CRAYFISH...
AND THEN, ONE MORNING...
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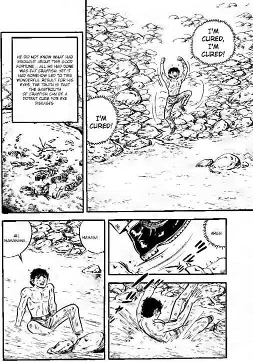
I... I CAN SEE... I CAN SEE PERFECTLY FINE!
I... I'M CURED!


I'M CURED, I'M CURED!
I'M CURED!
HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THIS GOOD FORTUNE... ALL HE HAD DONE WAS EAT CRAYFISH. YET IT HAD SOMEHOW LED TO THIS WONDERFUL RESULT FOR HIS EYES. THE TRUTH IS THAT THE GASTROLITH OF CRAYFISH CAN BE A POTENT CURE FOR EYE DISEASES
AH, HAHAHAHA...
HAHAHA
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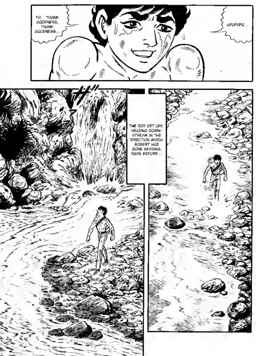
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TH... THANK GOODNESS, THANK GOODNESS...
THE BOY SET OFF HEADING DOWNSTREAM IN THE DIRECTION WHICH ROBERT HAD GONE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE...
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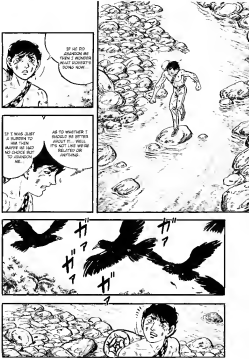
IF HE DID ABANDON ME THEN I WONDER WHAT ROBERT'S DOING NOW....
IF I WAS JUST A BURDEN TO HIM THEN MAYBE HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ABANDON ME...
AS TO WHETHER I SHOULD BE BITTER ABOUT IT.... WELL IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE RELATED OR ANYTHING.
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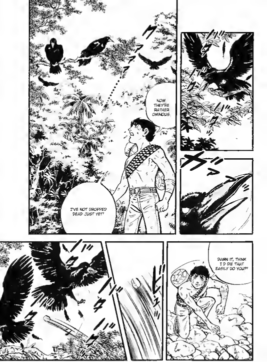
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NOW THEY'RE RATHER OMINOUS.
I'VE NOT DROPPED DEAD JUST YET!
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DAMN IT, THINK I'D DIE THAT EASILY DO YOU?!
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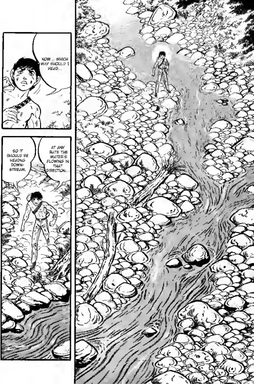
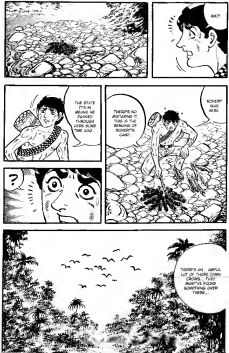

NOW... WHICH WAY SHOULD I HEAD...
AT ANY RATE THE WATER'S FLOWING IN THAT DIRECTION.
SO IT SHOULD BE HEADNG DOWN-STREAM.


HM?!
ROBERT WAS HERE
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT. THIS IS THE REMAINS OF ROBERT'S CAMP.
THE STATE IT'S IN MEANS HE PASSED THROUGH HERE SOME TIME AGO...
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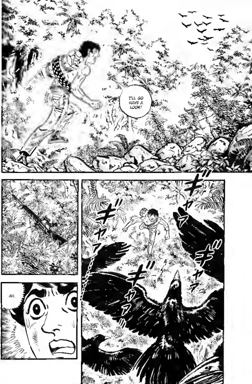
THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT OF THOSE DAMN CROWS... THEY MUST'VE FOUND SOMETHING OVER THERE...


I'LL GO HAVE A LOOK!
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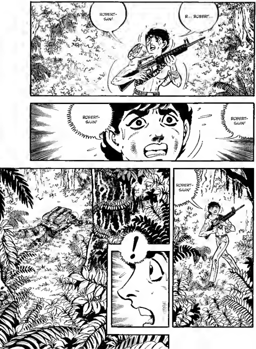
R... ROBERT...
ROBERT-SAN!
ROBERT-SAAN!
ROBERT-SAAN!
ROBERT-SAAN!
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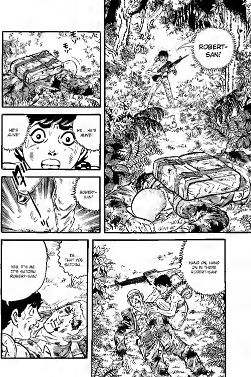
ROBERT-SAN!
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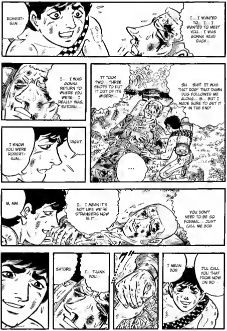
HE... HE'S ALIVE!
HE'S ALIVE!
ROBERT-SAN!
HANG ON, HANG ON IN THERE ROBERT-SAN!
IS... THAT YOU SATORU...
YES IT'S ME IT'S SATORU ROBERT-SAN!


ROBERT-SAN...
I... I WANTED TO... I... I WANTED TO MEET YOU... I WAS GONNA HEAD BACK...
I... I WAS GONNA RETURN TO WHERE YOU WERE... I REALLY WAS, SATORU...
I KNOW YOU WERE ROBERT-SAN...
RIGHT...
SH... SHIT IT WAS THAT DOG! THAT DAMN DOG FOLLOWED ME ALONG... B... BUT I MADE SURE TO GET IT IN THE END!
IT TOOK TWO... THREE SHOTS TO PUT IT OUT OF ITS MISERY...
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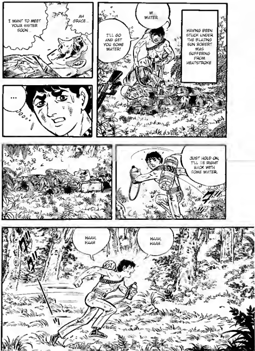
M, MM...
I... I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE STRANGERS NOW IS IT...
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO FORMAL... JUST CALL ME BOB
SATORU
T... THANK YOU...
I MEAN BOB
I'LL CALL YOU THAT FROM NOW ON BO...


I WANT TO MEET YOUR SISTER SOON
AH GRACE...
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W WATER
I'LL GO AND GET YOU SOME WATER!
HAVING BEEN STUCK UNDER THE BLAZING SUN ROBERT WAS SUFFERING FROM HEATSTROKE
JUST HOLD ON, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH SOME WATER.
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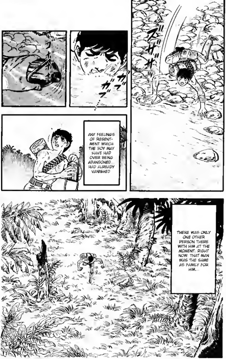
HAAH, HAAH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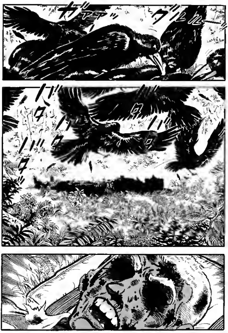
ANY FEELINGS OF RESENTMENT WHICH THE BOY MAY HAVE HAD OVER BEING ABANDONED HAD ALREADY VANISHED
THERE WAS ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON THERE WITH HIM AT THE MOMENT. RIGHT NOW, THAT MAN WAS THE SAME AS FAMILY FOR HIM...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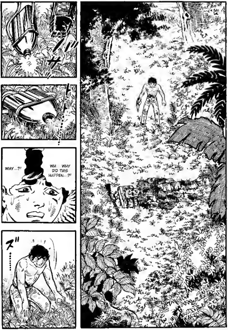
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WH... WHY DID THIS HAPPEN...?!
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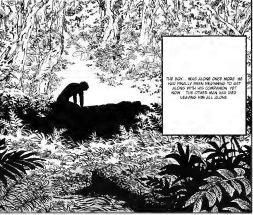
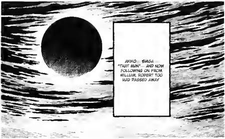
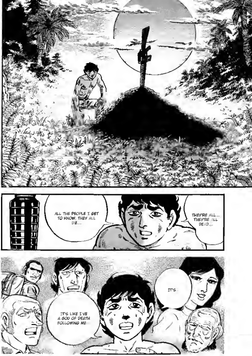
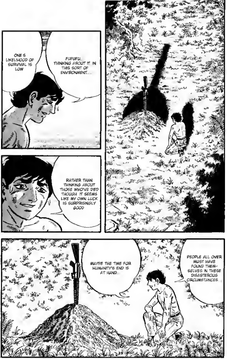
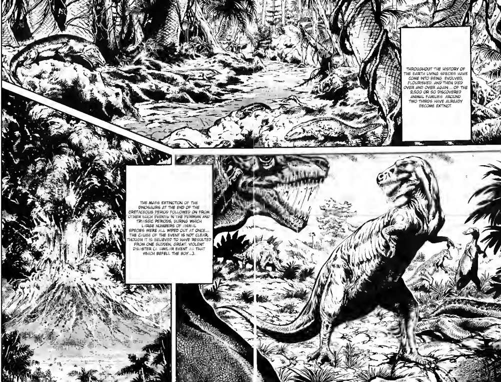
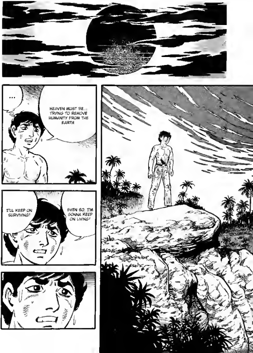

THE BOY... WAS ALONE ONCE MORE. HE HAD FINALLY BEEN BEGINNING TO GET ALONG WITH HIS COMPANION YET NOW... THE OTHER MAN HAD DIED LEAVING HIM ALL ALONE


AKIKO... SHIGA... "THAT MAN"... AND NOW FOLLOWING ON FROM WILLIAM, ROBERT TOO HAD PASSED AWAY


THEY'RE ALL... THEY'RE ALL DEAD...
ALL THE PEOPLE I GET TO KNOW, THEY ALL DIE...
IT'S...
IT'S LIKE I'VE A GOD OF DEATH FOLLOWING ME


FUFUFU THINKING ABOUT IT IN THIS SORT OF ENVIRONMENT...
ONE'S LIKELIHOOD OF SURVIVAL IS LOW
RATHER THAN THINKING ABOUT THOSE WHO'VE DIED THOUGH IT SEEMS LIKE MY OWN LUCK IS SURPRISINGLY GOOD
PEOPLE ALL OVER MUST HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES IN THESE DISASTEROUS CIRCUMSTANCES
MAYBE THE TIME FOR HUMANITY'S END IS AT HAND


THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE EARTH LIVING SPECIES HAVE COME INTO BEING EVOLVED, FLOURISHED AND THEN DIED OVER AND OVER AGAIN ... OF THE 2,500 OR SO DISCOVERED ANIMAL FAMILIES AROUND TWO THIRDS HAVE ALREADY BECOME EXTINCT.
THE MASS EXTINCTION OF THE DINOSAURS AT THE END OF THE CRETACEOUS PERIOD FOLLOWED ON FROM OTHER SUCH EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN AND TRIASSIC PERIODS, DURING WHICH LARGE NUMBERS OF ANIMAL SPECIES WERE ALL WIPED OUT AT ONCE... THE CAUSE OF THE EVENT IS NOT CLEAR, THOUGH IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM ONE SUDDEN, GREAT, VIOLENT DISASTER (A SIMILAR EVENT AS THAT WHICH BEFELL THE BOY...).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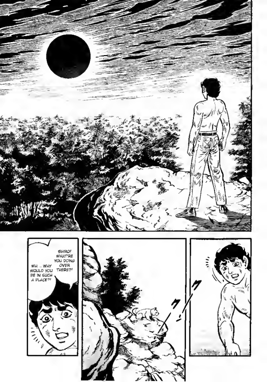
HEAVEN MUST BE TRYING TO REMOVE HUMANITY FROM THE EARTH
EVEN SO I'M GONNA KEEP ON LIVING!
I'LL KEEP ON SURVIVING!


SHIRO! WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE?!
WH... WHY WOULD YOU BE IN SUCH A PLACE?!
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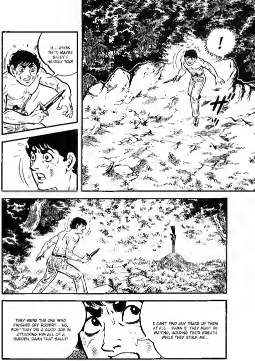
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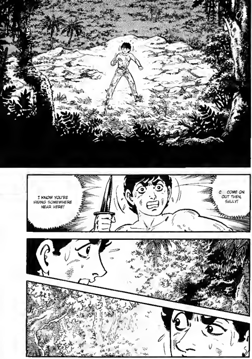
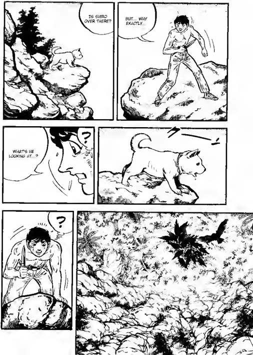
G... GIVEN THAT, MAYBE SALLY'S NEARBY TOO!
I CAN'T FIND ANY TRACE OF THEM AT ALL... DAMN IT. THEY MUST BE WAITING, HOLDING THEIR BREATH WHILE THEY STALK ME...
THEY WERE THE ONE WHO FINISHED OFF ROBERT... NO, BOB! THEY DID A GOOD JOB IN ATTACKING HIM ALL OF A SUDDEN. DAMN THAT SALLY!


I KNOW YOU'RE HIDING SOMEWHERE NEAR HERE!
C COME ON OUT THEN, SALLY!


IS SHIRO OVER THERE?
BUT... WHY EXACTLY
WHAT'S HE LOOKING AT...?
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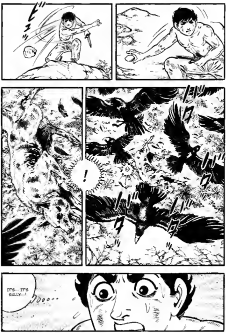
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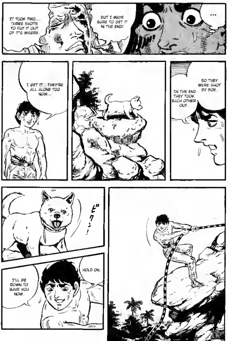
IT'S... IT'S SALLY...!
Oooo...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BUT I MADE SURE TO GET IT IN THE END!
IT TOOK TWO... THREE SHOTS TO PUT IT OUT OF IT'S MISERY.
SO THEY WERE SHOT BY BOB
IN THE END THEY TOOK EACH OTHER OUT
I GET IT. THEY'RE ALL ALONE TOO NOW...
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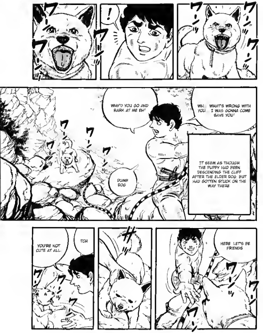
HOLD ON.
I'LL BE DOWN TO SAVE YOU NOW.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WH YOU WHAT'S WRONG WITH I WAS GONNA COME SAVE YOU!
WHY'D YOU GO AND BARK AT ME EH!
IT SEEM AS THOUGH THE PUPPY HAD BEEN DESCENDING THE CLIFF AFTER THE ELDER DOG BUT HAD GOTTEN STUCK ON THE WAY THERE
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DUMB DOG
HERE LET'S BE FRIENDS
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TCH
YOU'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL.
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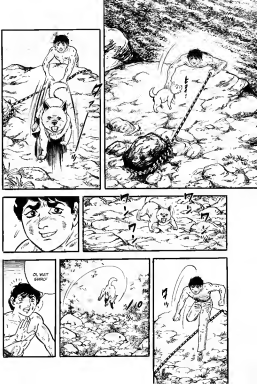
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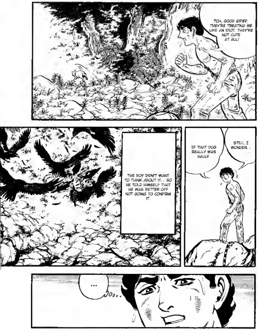
OI, WAIT SHIRO!


TCH, GOOD GRIEF. THEY'RE TREATING ME LIKE AN IDIOT. THEY'RE NOT CUTE AT ALL!
STILL, I WONDER
IF THAT DOG REALLY WAS SALLY
THE BOY DIDN'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT... SO HE TOLD HIMSELF THAT HE WAS BETTER OFF NOT GOING TO CONFIRM IT.
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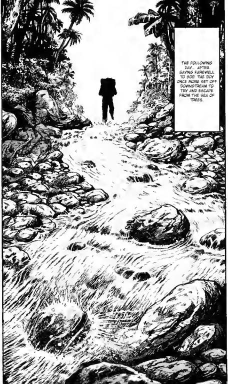
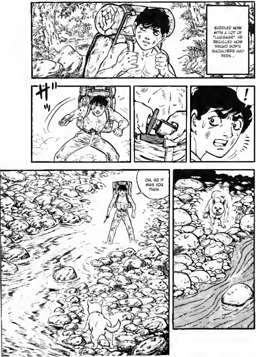

THE FOLLOWING DAY... AFTER SAYING FAREWELL TO BOB THE BOY ONCE MORE SET OFF DOWNSTREAM TO TRY AND ESCAPE FROM THE SEA OF TREES.


SADDLED NOW WITH A LOT OF "LUGGAGE" HE RECALLED HOW BROAD BOB'S SHOULDERS HAD BEEN...
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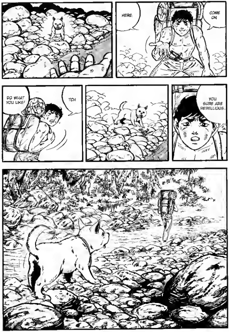
OH, SO IT WAS YOU THEN.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COME ON
DO WHAT YOU LIKE!
TCH
YOU SURE ARE REBELLIOUS...

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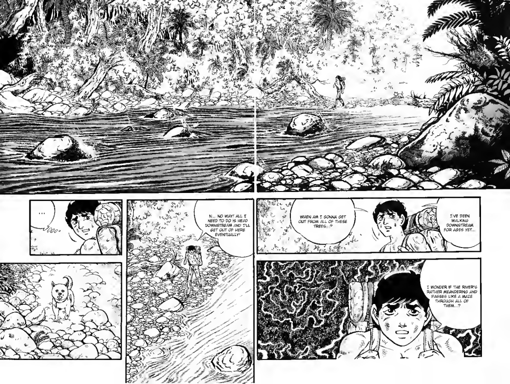
I'VE BEEN WALKING DOWNSTREAM FOR AGES YET...
WHEN AM I GONNA GET OUT FROM ALL OF THESE TREES...?
I WONDER IF THE RIVER'S RATHER MEANDERING AND PASSES LIKE A MAZE THROUGH ALL OF THEM...?
N... NO WAY! ALL I NEED TO DO IS HEAD DOWNSTREAM AND I'LL GET OUT OF HERE EVENTUALLY!
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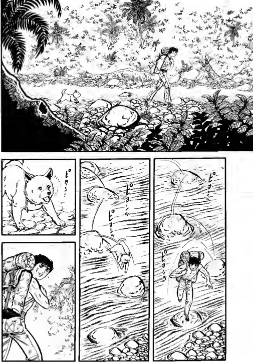
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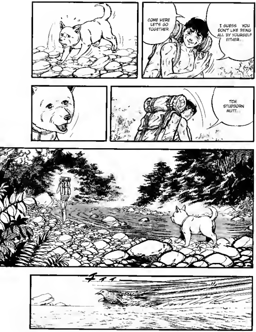
I GUESS YOU DON'T LIKE BEING ALL BY YOURSELF EITHER...
COME HERE LET'S GO TOGETHER
TCH STUBBORN MUTT...
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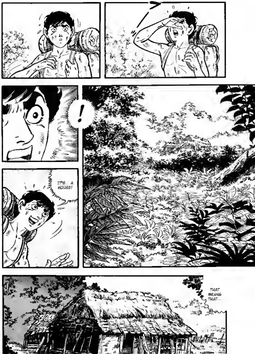
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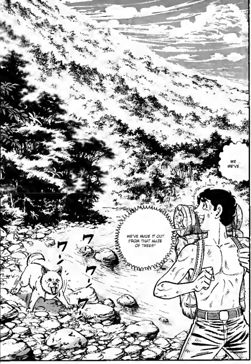
IT'S A HOUSE!
THAT MEANS THAT...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WE'VE MADE IT OUT FROM THAT MAZE OF TREES!
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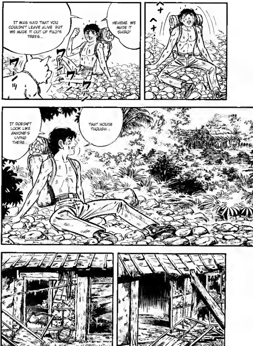
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HEHEHE WE MADE IT SHIRO!
IT WAS SAID THAT YOU COULDN'T LEAVE ALIVE BUT WE MADE IT OUT OF FUJI'S TREES...
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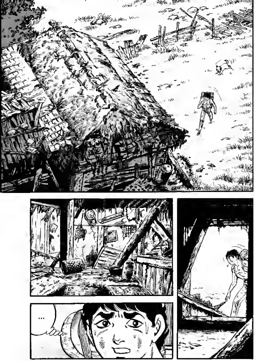
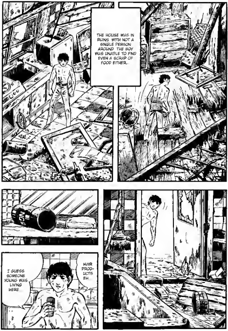
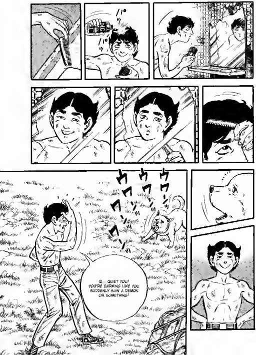
THAT HOUSE THOUGH...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE'S LIVING THERE...




THE HOUSE WAS IN RUINS WITH NOT A SINGLE PERSON AROUND THE BOY WAS UNABLE TO FIND EVEN A SCRAP OF FOOD EITHER.
HAIR PRODUCTS EH
I GUESS SOMEONE YOUNG WAS LIVING HERE...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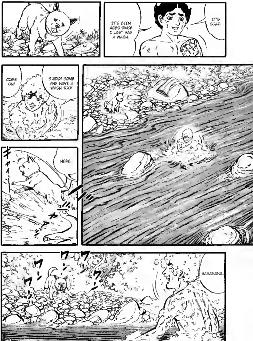
Q... QUIET YOU! YOU'RE BARKING LIKE YOU SUDDENLY SAW A DEMON OR SOMETHING!


IT'S SOAP.
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I LAST HAD A WASH.
SHIRO! COME AND HAVE A WASH TOO!
COME ON!
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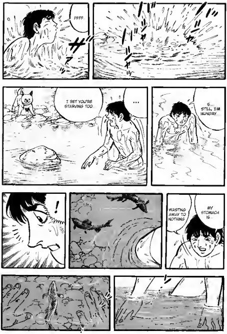
HAHAHAHA...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I BET YOU'RE STARVING TOO
S... STILL, I'M HUNGRY
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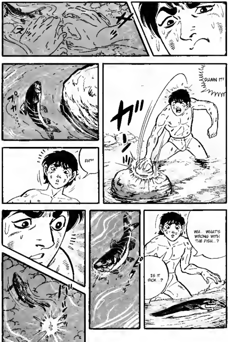
MY STOMACH IS...
WASTING AWAY TO NOTHING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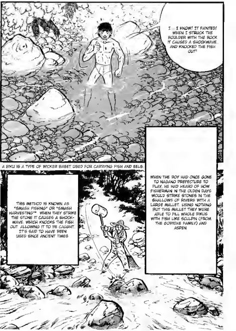
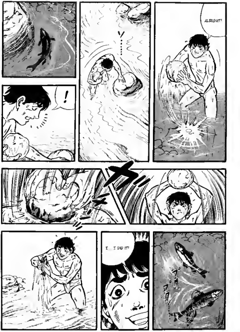
DAMN IT!
EH?!
WH... WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE FISH...?
IS IT SICK...?


I... I KNOW! IT FAINTED! WHEN I STRUCK THE BOULDER WITH THE ROCK IT CAUSED A SHOCKWAVE AND KNOCKED THE FISH OUT!
WHEN THE BOY HAD ONCE GONE TO NAGANO PREFECTURE TO PLAY, HE HAD HEARD OF HOW FISHERMAN IN THE OLDEN DAYS WOULD STRIKE STONES IN THE SHALLOWS OF RIVERS WITH A LARGE MALLET. USING NOTHING BUT THIS MALLET THEY WERE ABLE TO PILL WHOLE BIKUS WITH FISH LIKE SCULPIN (FROM THE GOBIIDAE FAMILY) AND ASPEN
THIS METHOD IS KNOWN AS "SMASH FISHING" OR "SMASH HARVESTING"* WHEN THEY STRIKE THE STONE IT CAUSES A SHOCK-WAVE, WHICH KNOCKS THE FISH OUT ALLOWING IT TO BE CAUGHT. IT'S SAID TO HAVE BEEN USED SINCE ANCIENT TIMES

T/N: A BIKU IS A TYPE OF WICKER BASET USED FOR CARRYING FISH AND EELS

* AT PRESENT THIS METHOD OF FISHING IS BANNED.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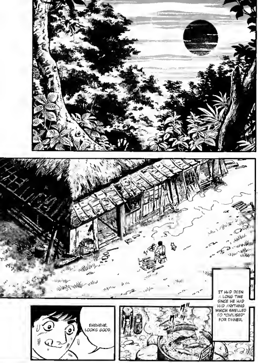
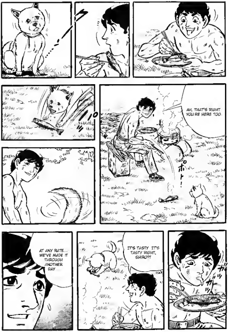
ALRIGHT!
I... I DID IT!


IT HAD BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE HE HAD HAD ANYTHING WHICH SMELLED SO "CIVILISED" FOR DINNER.
EHEHEHE, LOOKS GOOD.


AH, THAT'S RIGHT YOU'RE HERE TOO.
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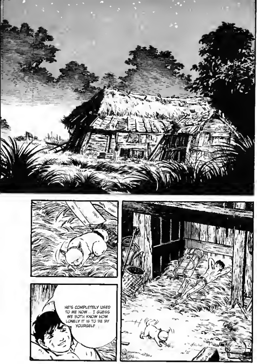
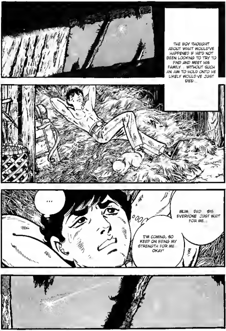
IT'S TASTY IT'S TASTY RIGHT, SHIRO?!
AT ANY RATE... WE'VE MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER DAY


HE'S COMPLETELY USED TO ME NOW... I GUESS WE BOTH KNOW HOW LONELY IT IS TO BE BY YOURSELF


THE BOY THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF HE'D NOT BEEN LOOKING TO TRY TO FIND AND MEET HIS FAMILY WITHOUT SUCH AN AIM TO HOLD ONTO HE LIKELY WOULD'VE JUST DIED...
MUM DAD SIS EVERYONE JUST WAIT FOR ME...
I'M COMING, SO KEEP ON BEING MY STRENGTH FOR ME OKAY!
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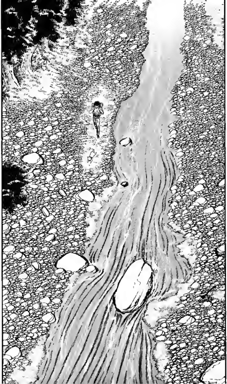
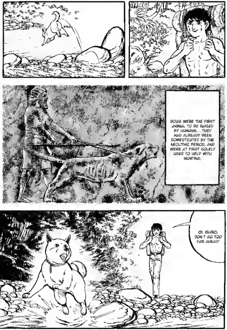
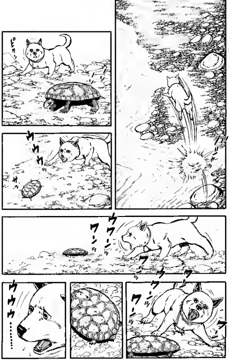



DOGS WERE THE FIRST ANIMAL TO BE RAISED BY HUMANS... THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN DOMESTICATED BY THE NEOLITHIC PERIOD, AND WERE AT FIRST SOLELY USED TO HELP WITH HUNTING.
OI! SHIRO, DON'T GO TOO FAR AHEAD!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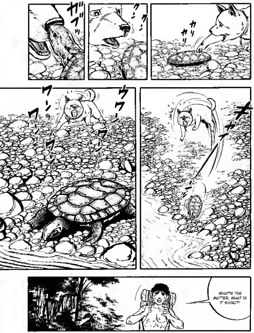
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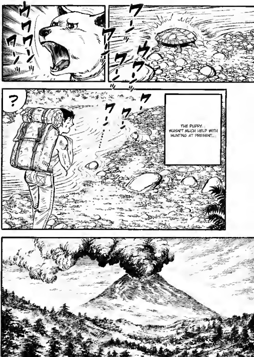
WHAT'S THE MATTER, WHAT IS IT SHIRO?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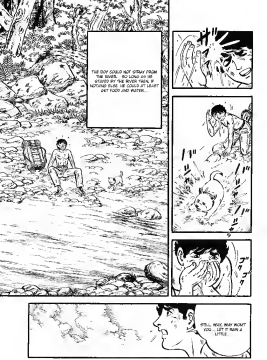
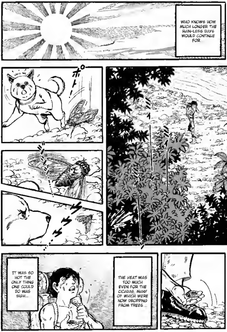
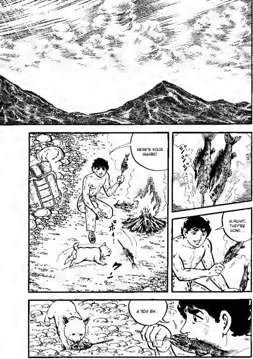
THE PUPPY WASN'T MUCH HELP WITH HUNTING AT PRESENT...


THE BOY COULD NOT STRAY FROM THE RIVER. SO LONG AS HE STAYED BY THE RIVER THEN, IF NOTHING ELSE, HE COULD AT LEAST GET FOOD AND WATER...
STILL, WHY... WHY WON'T YOU... LET IT RAIN A LITTLE...


WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH LONGER THE RAIN-LESS DAYS WOULD CONTINUE FOR.
IT WAS SO HOT THE ONLY THING ONE COULD DO WAS SIGH...
THE HEAT WAS TOO MUCH EVEN FOR THE CICADAS, MANY OF WHICH WERE NOW DROPPING FROM TREES...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ALRIGHT, THEY'RE DONE...
HERE'S YOUR SHARE!
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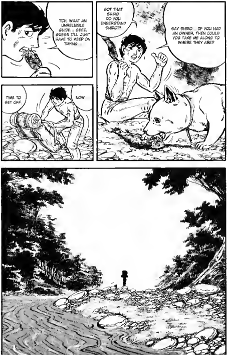
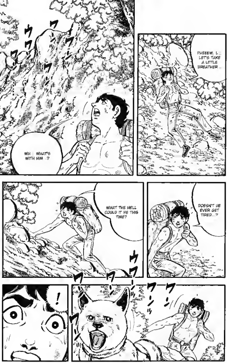
A DOG EH...


SAY SHIRO... IF YOU HAD AN OWNER, THEN COULD YOU TAKE ME ALONG TO WHERE THEY ARE?
GOT THAT SHIRO DO YOU UNDERSTAND SHIRO?!
TCH, WHAT AN UNRELIABLE GUIDE... GEEZ, GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP ON TRYING...
NOW
TIME TO SET OFF


PHEEEW, L... LET'S TAKE A LITTLE BREATHER...
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WH... WHAT'S WITH HIM...?
DOESN'T HE EVER GET TIRED...?
WHAT THE HELL COULD IT BE THIS TIME?
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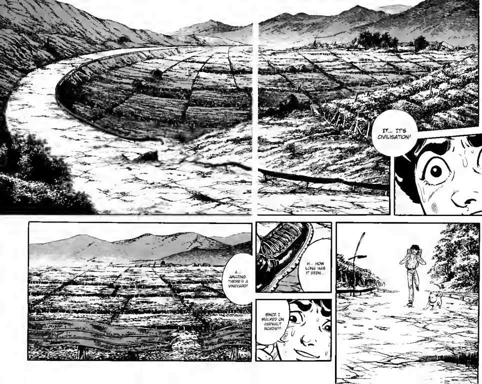
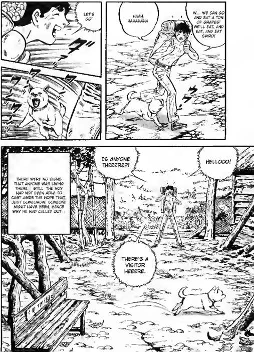
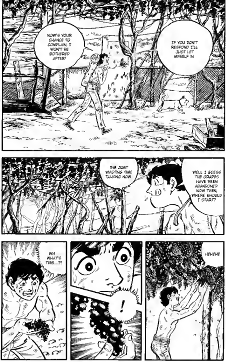

IT... IT'S CIVILISATION!
A... AMAZING THERE'S A VINEYARD!
H... HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN...
SINCE I WALKED ON ASPHALT ROADS?!


LET'S GO!
HAAH HAHAHAHA
W... WE CAN GO AND EAT A TON OF GRAPES! WE'LL EAT, AND EAT, AND EAT, AND EAT SHIRO!
THERE WERE NO SIGNS THAT ANYONE WAS LIVING THERE. STILL THE BOY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO CAST ASIDE THE HOPE THAT JUST SOMEHOW, SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN. HENCE WHY HE HAD CALLED OUT.
IS ANYONE THEEERE?!
HELLOOO!
THERE'S A VISITOR HEEERE.


IF YOU DON'T RESPOND I'LL JUST LET MYSELF IN
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO COMPLAIN, I WON'T BE BOTHERED AFTER!
WELL I GUESS THE GRAPES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED NOW THEN, WHERE SHOULD I START?
I'M JUST WASTING TIME TALKING NOW
HEHEHE
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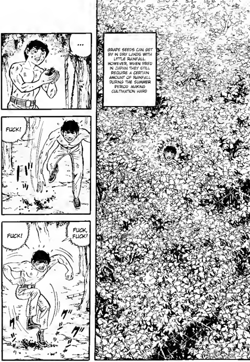
WH WHAT'S THIS...?!


GRAPE SEEDS CAN GET BY IN DRY LANDS WITH LITTLE RAINFALL HOWEVER, WHEN BRED IN JAPAN THEY STILL REQUIRE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RAINFALL DURING THE SUMMER PERIOD MAKING CULTIVATION HARD
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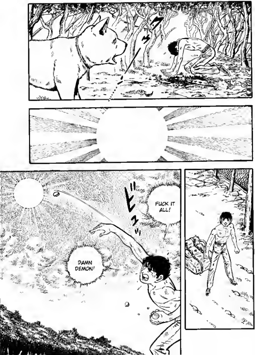
FUCK!
FUCK, FUCK!
FUCK!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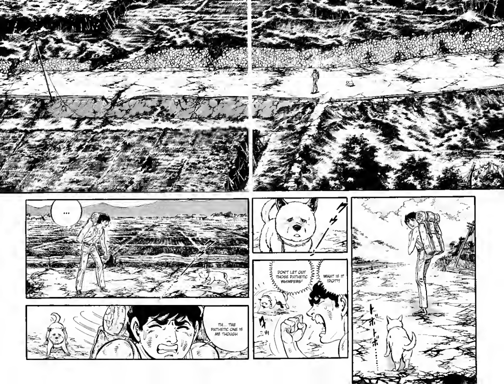
FUCK IT ALL!
DAMN DEMON!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WHAT IS IT IDIOT?!
DON'T LET OUT THOSE PATHETIC WHIMPERS!
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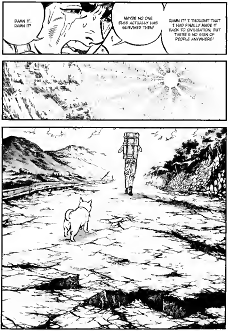
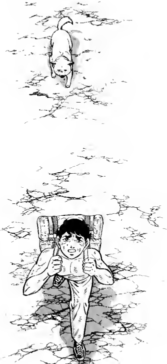
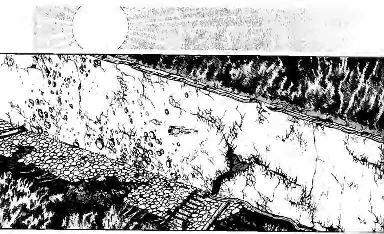
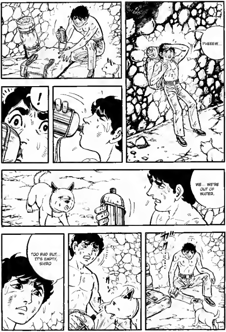
TH… THE PATHETIC ONE IS ME THOUGH


DAMN IT! I THOUGHT THAT I HAD FINALLY MADE IT BACK TO CIVILISATION, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF PEOPLE ANYWHERE!
MAYBE NO ONE ELSE ACTUALLY HAS SURVIVED THEN!
DAMN IT. DAMN IT!



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WE... WE'RE OUT OF WATER.
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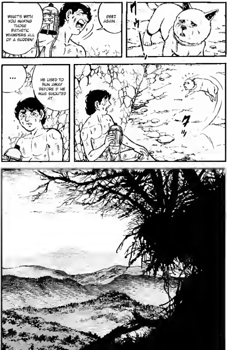
TOO BAD BUT... IT'S EMPTY, SHIRO


GEEZ AGAIN
WHAT'S WITH YOU MAKING THOSE PATHETIC WHIMPERS ALL OF A SUDDEN!
HE USED TO RUN AWAY BEFORE IF HE WAS SHOUTED AT
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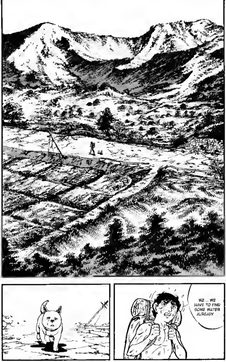
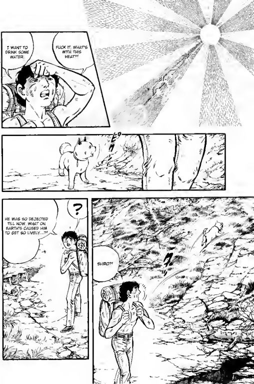

WE ... WE HAVE TO FIND SOME WATER ALREADY


FUCK IT. WHAT'S WITH THIS HEAT?!
I WANT TO DRINK SOME WATER.
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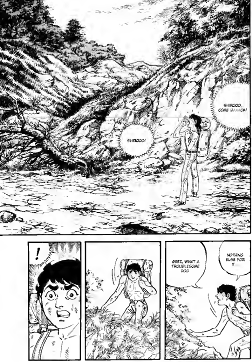
SHIRO?!
?
HE WAS SO DEJECTED TILL NOW. WHAT ON EARTH'S CAUSED HIM TO GET SO LIVELY...?!


SHIROOO, COME BAAACK!
SHIROOO!
NOTHING ELSE FOR IT
GEEZ, WHAT A TROUBLESOME DOG
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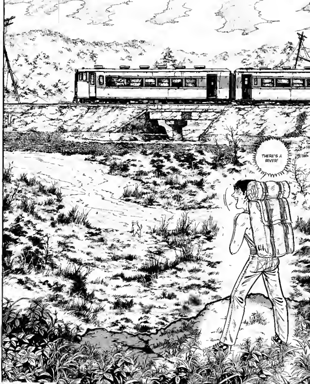
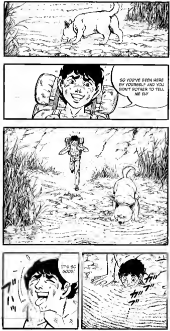

THERE'S A RIVER!


SO YOU'VE BEEN HERE BY YOURSELF AND YOU DIDN'T BOTHER TO TELL ME EH!
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IT'S SO GOOD!
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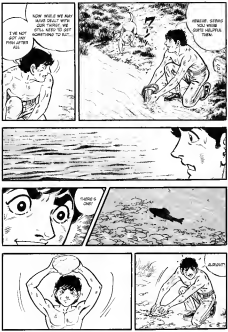
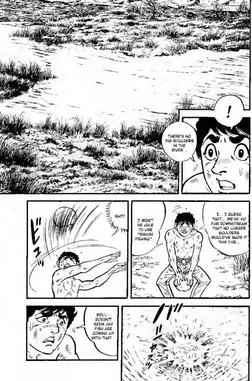

HEHEHE. SEEMS YOU WERE QUITE HELPFUL THEN.
NOW WHILE WE MAY HAVE DEALT WITH OUR THIRST, WE STILL NEED TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT...
I'VE NOT GOT ANY FISH AFTER ALL
THERE'S ONE!
ALRIGHT!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THERE'S NO BIG BOULDERS IN THE RIVER…
I… I GUESS THAT… WE'RE SO FAR DOWNSTREAM THAT NO LARGER BOULDERS WOULD'VE MADE IT THIS FAR…
I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE "SMASH FISHING"
SHIT!
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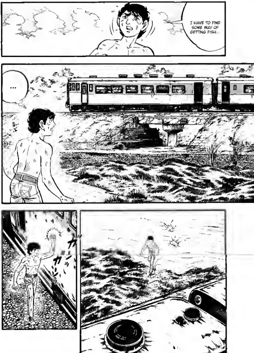
WELL DOESN'T SEEM ANY FISH ARE COMING UP WITH THAT


I HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY OF GETTING FISH...
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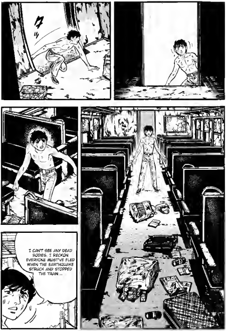
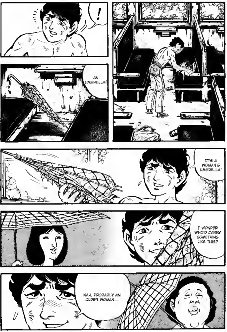

I CAN'T SEE ANY DEAD BODIES. I RECKON EVERYONE MUST'VE FLED WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE STRUCK AND STOPPED THE TRAIN ...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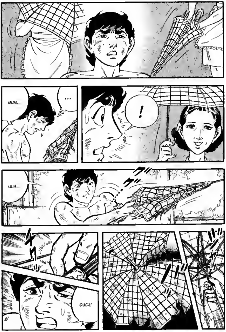
AN UMBRELLA!
IT'S A WOMAN'S UMBRELLA!
I WONDER WHO'D CARRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
NAH, PROBABLY AN OLDER WOMAN...


MUM...
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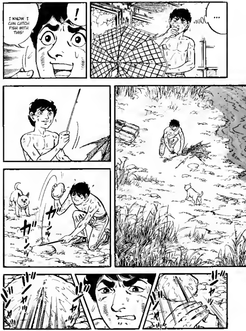
UUH...
OUCH!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I KNOW I CAN CATCH FISH WITH THIS!
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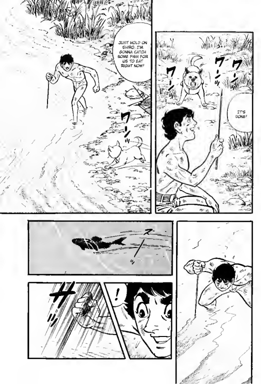
JUST HOLD ON SHIRO. I'M GONNA CATCH SOME FISH FOR US TO EAT RIGHT NOW!
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IT'S DONE!
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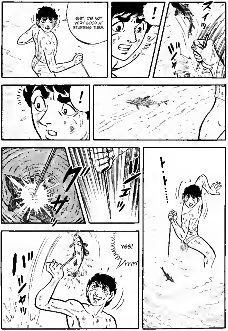
SHIT. I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT STABBING THEM
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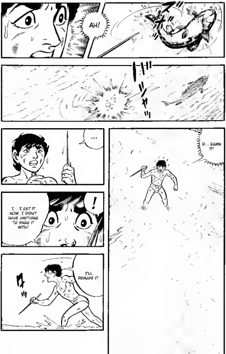
バシャッ
YES!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AH!
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D... DAMN IT!
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I... I GET IT NOW. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SNAG IT WITH!
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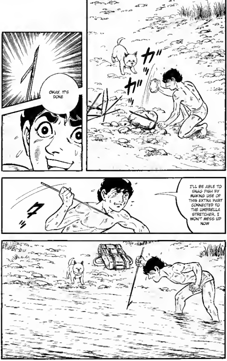
I'LL REMAKE IT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OKAY, IT'S DONE
I'LL BE ABLE TO SNAG FISH BY MAKING USE OF THIS EXTRA PART CONNECTED TO THE UMBRELLA STRETCHER. I WON'T MESS UP NOW
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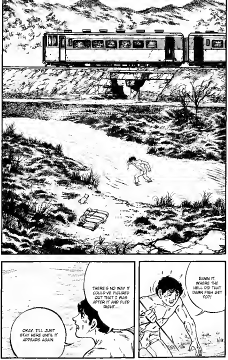
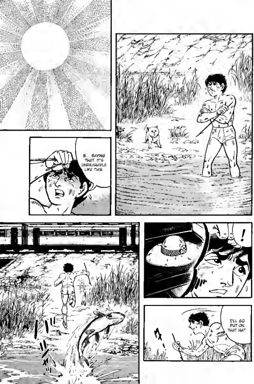

DAMN IT. WHERE THE HELL DID THAT DAMN FISH GET TO?!
THERE'S NO WAY IT COULD'VE FIGURED OUT THAT I WAS AFTER IT AND FLED RIGHT...
OKAY. I'LL JUST STAY HERE UNTIL IT APPEARS AGAIN


S... SAYING THAT IT'S UNBEARABLE LIKE THIS
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I'LL GO PUT ON THAT HAT
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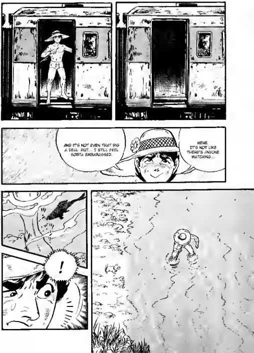
HEHE
IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE WATCHING...
AND IT'S NOT EVEN THAT BIG A DEAL BUT... I STILL FEEL SORTA EMBARASSED...
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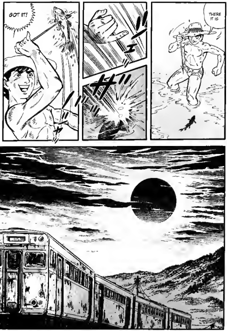
THERE IT IS
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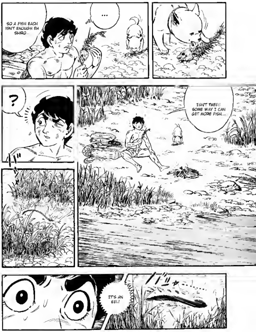
GOT IT!


SO A FISH EACH ISN'T ENOUGH EH SHIRO...
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ISN'T THERE SOME WAY I CAN GET MORE FISH...
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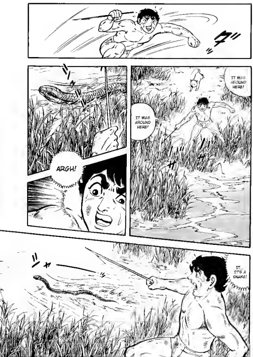
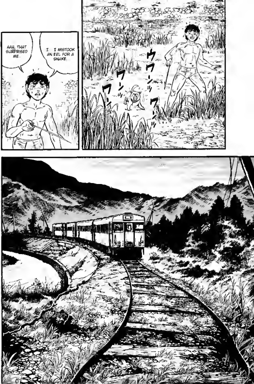
IT'S AN EEL!


IT WAS AROUND HERE!
IT WAS AROUND HERE!
ARGH!
IT... IT'S A SNAKE!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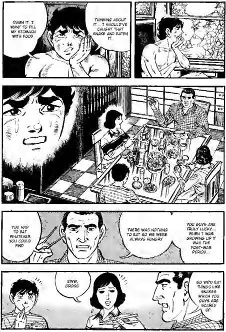
I... I MISTOOK AN EEL FOR A SNAKE.
AAH, THAT SURPRISED ME.


THINKING ABOUT IT... I SHOULD'VE CAUGHT THAT SNAKE AND EATEN IT.
DAMN IT. I WANT TO FILL MY STOMACH WITH FOOD
YOU GUYS ARE TRULY LUCKY... WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IT WAS THE POST-WAR PERIOD...
THERE WAS NOTHING TO EAT SO WE WERE ALWAYS HUNGRY
YOU HAD TO EAT WHATEVER YOU COULD FIND
SO WE'D EAT THINGS LIKE SNAKES WHICH YOU GUYS ARE SCARED OF.
EWW, GROSS
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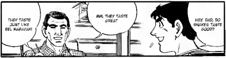
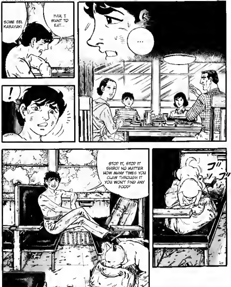

HEY, DAD, DO SNAKES TASTE GOOD?
MM, THEY TASTE GREAT
THEY TASTE JUST LIKE EEL KABAYAKI

T/N: KABAYAKI IS A SPECIFIC WAY OF PREPARING FISH, NORMALLY EEL, WHICH GENERALLY INVOLVES BROILING IT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BAH, I WANT TO EAT...
SOME EEL KABAYAKI
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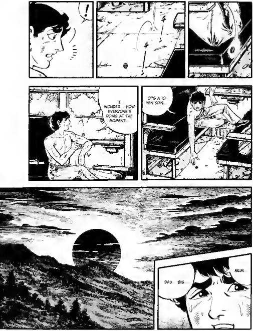
STOP IT, STOP IT SHIRO! NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU CLAW THROUGH IT YOU WON'T FIND ANY FOOD!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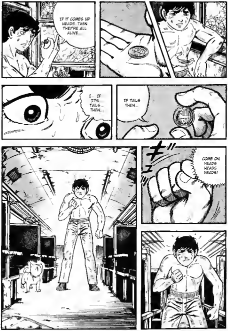
I WONDER HOW EVERYONE'S DOING AT THE MOMENT
IT'S A 10 YEN COIN
MUM
DAD
SIS


IF IT COMES UP HEADS... THEN THEY'RE ALL ALIVE...
I... IF IT'S TAILS... THEN...
IF TAILS THEN...
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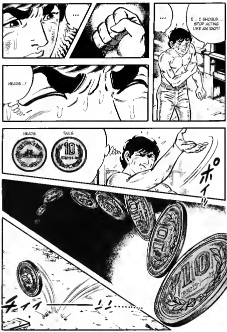
COME ON HEADS HEADS HEADS!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I... I SHOULD... STOP ACTING LIKE AN IDIOT!
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HEADS...!
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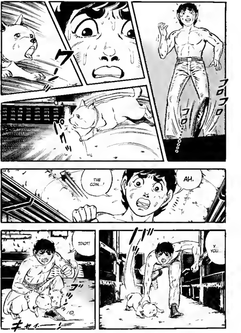
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AH.
THE COIN...!
Y YOU...
IDIOT!
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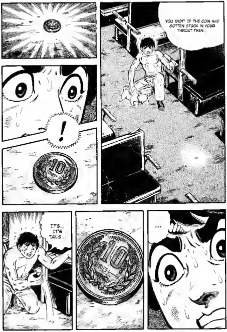
キャイーン!


YOU IDIOT! IF THE COIN HAD GOTTEN STUCK IN YOUR THROAT THEN...
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IT'S... IT'S TAILS...
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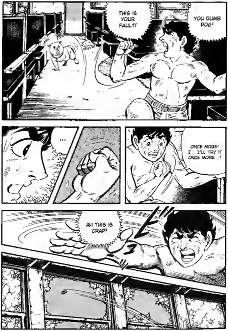
THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
YOU DUMB DOG!
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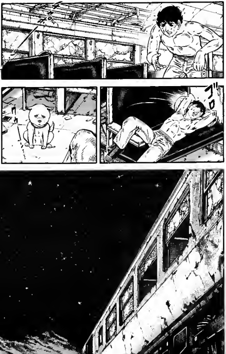
ONCE MORE! I... I'LL TRY IT ONCE MORE...!
AH THIS IS CRAP!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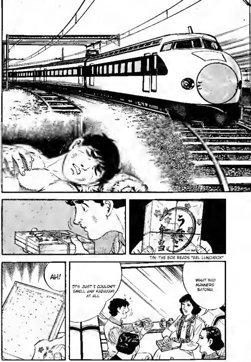
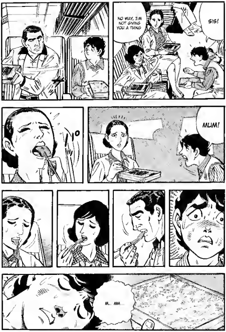
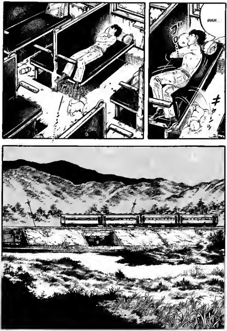

T/N THE BOX READS "EEL LUNCHBOX"
WHAT BAD MANNERS SATORU.
IT'S JUST I COULDN'T SMELL ANY KABAYAKI AT ALL
AH!


NO WAY, I'M NOT GIVING YOU A THING
SIS!
MUM!
M... MM...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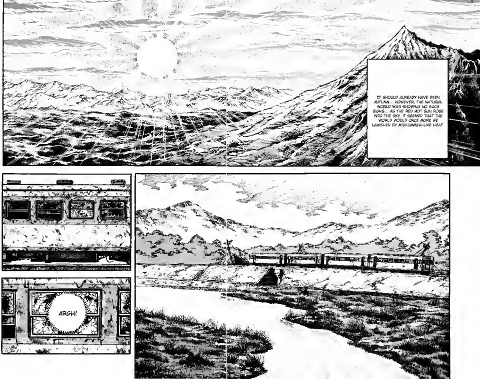
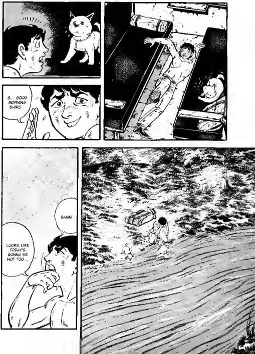
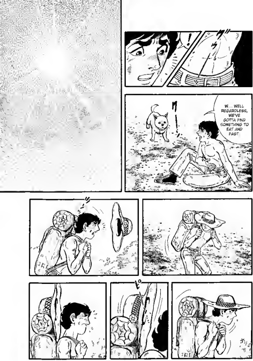
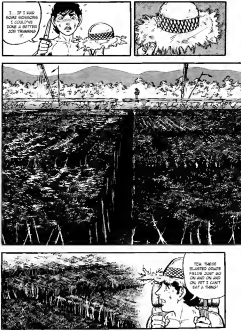
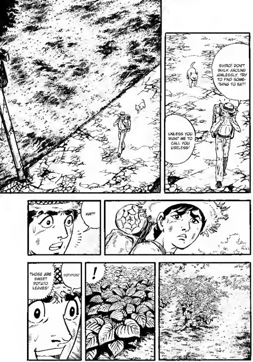

IT SHOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN AUTUMN... HOWEVER, THE NATURAL WORLD WAS SHOWING NO SUCH SIGNS... AS THE RED HOT SUN ROSE INTO THE SKY. IT SEEMED THAT THE WORLD WOULD ONCE MORE BE LAVISHED BY MIDSUMMER-LIKE HEAT.
ARGH!


G... GOOD MORNING SHIRO
DAMN
LOOKS LIKE TODAY'S GONNA BE HOT TOO...


W... WELL REGARDLESS, WE'VE GOTTA FIND SOMETHING TO EAT AND FAST


I… IF I HAD SOME SCISSORS I COULD'VE DONE A BETTER JOB TRIMMING IT.
TCH. THESE BLASTED GRAPE FIELDS JUST GO ON AND ON AND ON, YET I CAN'T EAT A THING!


SHIRO! DON'T WALK AROUND AIMLESSLY. TRY TO FIND SOMETHING TO EAT!
UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO CALL YOU USELESS!
HM?!
THOSE ARE SWEET POTATO LEAVES!
POTATOS!
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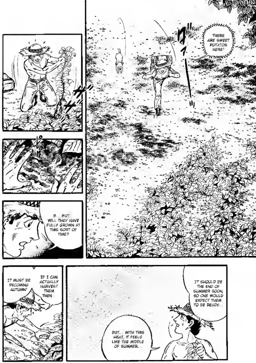
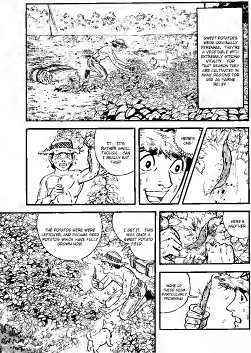
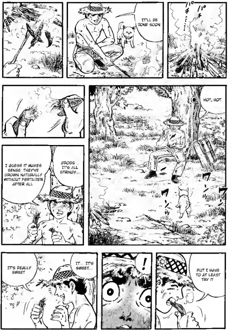

THERE ARE SWEET POTATOS HERE!
B... BUT WILL THEY HAVE FULLY GROWN AT THIS SORT OF TIME?
IT SHOULD BE THE END OF SUMMER SOON, SO ONE WOULD EXPECT THEM TO BE READY...
BUT... WITH THIS HEAT, IT FEELS LIKE THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER.
IF I CAN ACTUALLY HARVEST THEM THEN
IT MUST BE BECOMING AUTUMN!


SWEET POTATOES WERE ORIGINALLY PERENNIAL. THEY'RE A VEGETABLE WITH EXTREMELY STRONG VITALITY... FOR THAT REASON THEY ARE CULTIVATED IN MANY REGIONS FOR USE AS FAMINE RELIEF
HERE'S ONE!
IT... IT'S RATHER SMALL THOUGH... CAN I REALLY EAT THIS?
HERE'S ANOTHER
NONE OF THESE SEEM PARTICULARLY PROMISING
I GET IT... THIS WAS ONCE A SWEET POTATO FIELD...
THE POTATOS HERE WERE LEFTOVER, AND BECAME SEED POTATOS WHICH HAVE FULLY GROWN NOW...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IT'LL BE DONE SOON
HOT, HOT
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GROSS IT'S ALL STRINGY
I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE. THEY'VE GROWN NATURALLY WITHOUT FERTILIZER AFTER ALL
BUT I HAVE TO AT LEAST TRY IT
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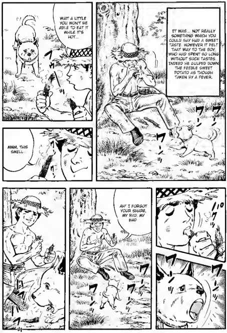
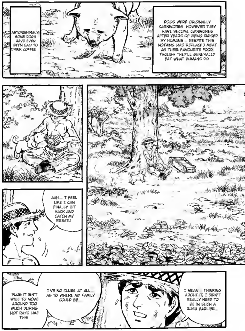
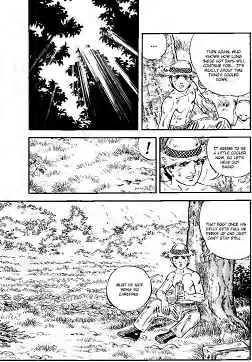
IT... IT'S SWEET
IT'S REALLY SWEET


WAIT A LITTLE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT IT WHILE IT'S HOT...
IT WAS... NOT REALLY SOMETHING WHICH YOU COULD SAY HAD A SWEET TASTE. HOWEVER IT FELT THAT WAY TO THE BOY WHO HAD SPENT SO LONG WITHOUT SUCH TASTES. INDEED HE GULPED DOWN THE FEEBLE SWEET POTATO AS THOUGH TAKEN BY A FEVER.
MMM, THIS SMELL...
AH! I FORGOT YOUR SHARE, MY BAD. MY BAD


DOGS WERE ORIGINALLY CARNIVORES HOWEVER THEY HAVE BECOME OMNIVORES AFTER YEARS OF BEING RAISED BY HUMANS ... DESPITE THIS NOTHING HAS REPLACED MEAT AS THEIR FAVOURITE FOOD THOUGH THEY'LL GENERALLY EAT WHAT HUMANS DO
ASTONISHINGLY SOME DOGS HAVE EVEN BEEN SAID TO DRINK COFFEE
AAH... I FEEL LIKE I CAN FINALLY SIT BACK AND CATCH MY BREATH
I MEAN ... THINKING ABOUT IT, I DIDN'T REALLY NEED TO BE IN SUCH A RUSH EARLIER...
I'VE NO CLUES AT ALL... AS TO WHERE MY FAMILY COULD BE...
PLUS IT ISN'T WISE TO MOVE AROUND TOO MUCH DURING HOT DAYS LIKE THIS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THEN AGAIN, WHO KNOWS HOW LONG THESE HOT DAYS WILL CONTINUE FOR... IT'S REALLY ABOUT TIME THINGS COOLED DOWN
IT SEEMS TO BE A LITTLE COOLER NOW, SO LET'S HEAD OUT SHIRO
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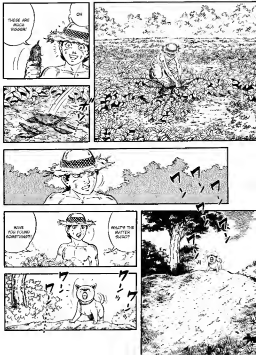
THAT DOG' ONCE HIS BELLY GETS FULL HE PERKS UP AND JUST CAN'T STAY STILL...
MUST BE NICE BEING SO CAREFREE


OH
THESE ARE MUCH BIGGER!
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WHAT'S THE MATTER SHIRO?
HAVE YOU FOUND SOMETHING?!
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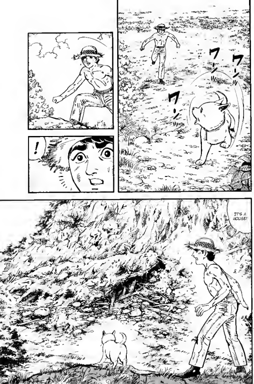
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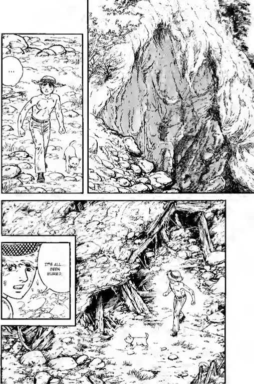
!
IT'S A HOUSE!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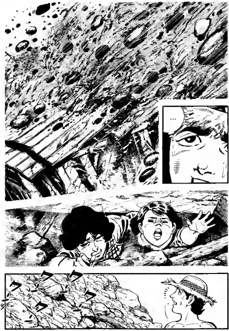
IT'S ALL BEEN BURIED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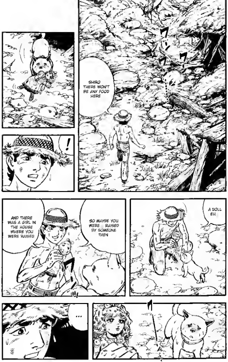
SHIRO THERE WON'T BE ANY FOOD HERE
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SO MAYBE YOU WERE RAISED BY SOMEONE THEN
AND THERE WAS A GIRL IN THE HOUSE WHERE YOU WERE RAISED
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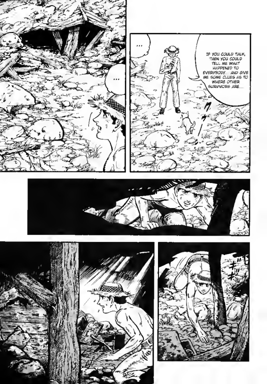
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IF YOU COULD TALK, THEN YOU COULD TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED TO EVERYBODY... AND GIVE ME SOME CLUES AS TO WHERE OTHER SURVIVORS ARE...
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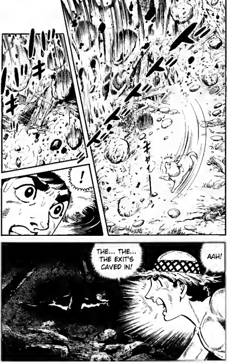
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THE... THE... THE EXIT'S CAVED IN!

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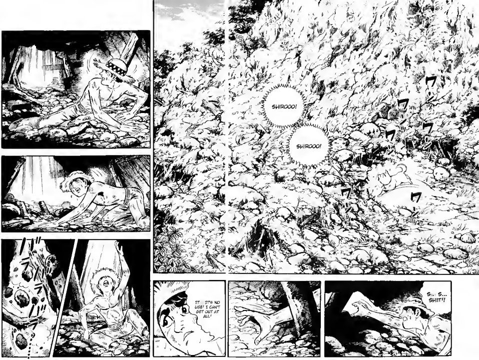
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S... S... SHIIIT!!
IT... IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T GET OUT AT ALL!
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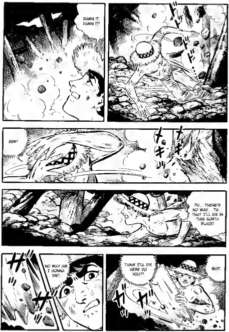
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DAMN IT. DAMN IT!
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EEK!
TH... THERE'S NO WAY... TH THAT I'LL DIE IN THIS SORTA PLACE!
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THINK I'LL DIE HERE DO YOU?!
NO WAY AM I GONNA DIE!
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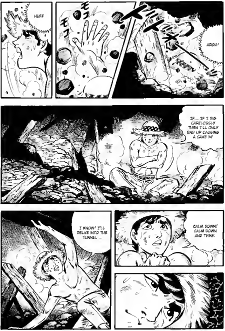
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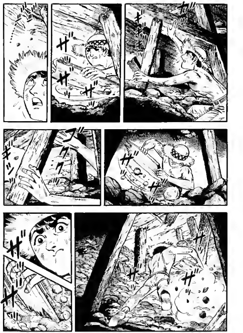
ARGH!
IF ... IF I DIG CARELESSLY THEN I'LL ONLY END UP CAUSING A CAVE IN!
I KNOW! I'LL DELVE INTO THE TUNNEL ...
CALM DOWN! CALM DOWN AND THINK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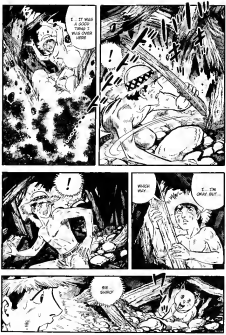
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I... IT WAS A GOOD THING I WAS OVER HERE
I... I'M OKAY BUT...
WHICH WAY...
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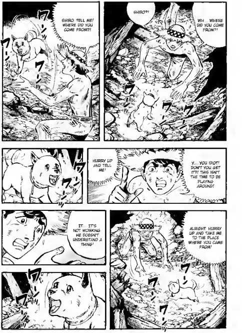
SHI... SHIRO!


SHIRO TELL ME! WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!
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SHIRO?!
WH... WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!
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HURRY UP AND TELL ME!
Y... YOU IDIOT! DON'T YOU GET IT?! THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE PLAYING AROUND!
IT... IT'S NOT WORKING HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND A THING!
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ALRIGHT HURRY UP AND TAKE ME TO THE PLACE WHERE YOU CAME FROM!
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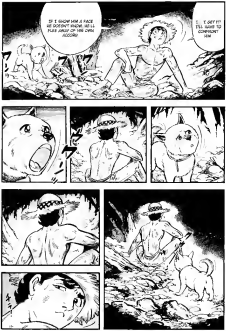
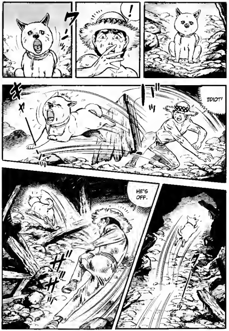

I… I GET IT! I'LL HAVE TO CONFRONT HIM
IF I SHOW HIM A FACE HE DOESN'T KNOW HE'LL FLEE AWAY OF HIS OWN ACCORD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IDIOT!
HE'S OFF.
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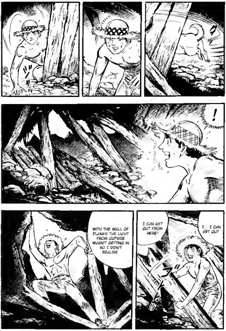
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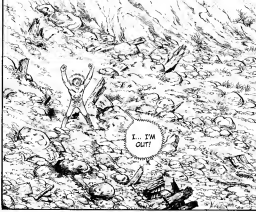
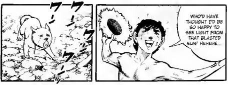
I I CAN GET OUT
I CAN GET OUT FROM HERE!
WITH THE WALL OF PLANKS THE LIGHT FROM OUTSIDE WASN'T GETTING IN SO I DIDN'T REALISE


I... I'M OUT!


WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT I'D BE SO HAPPY TO SEE LIGHT FROM THAT BLASTED SUN! HEHEHE...
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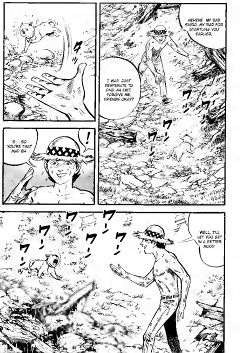
HEHEHE MY BAD SHIRO. MY BAD FOR STARTLING YOU EARLIER.
I WAS JUST DESPERATE TO FIND AN EXIT. FORGIVE ME, FRIENDS OKAY?
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S... SO YOU'RE THAT MAD EH
WELL, I'LL LET YOU GET IN A BETTER MOOD
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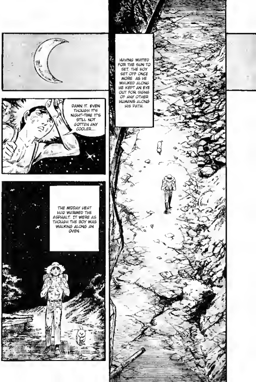
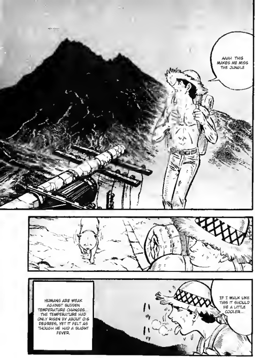
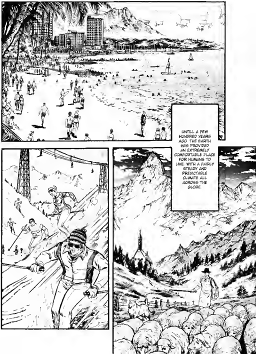
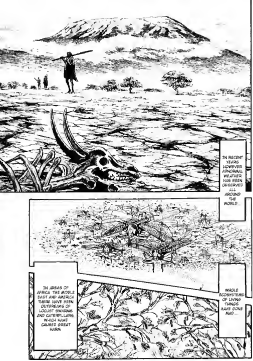
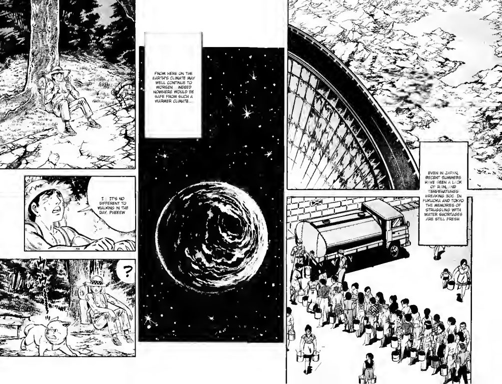

HAVING WAITED FOR THE SUN TO SET, THE BOY SET OFF ONCE MORE. AS HE WALKED ALONG HE KEPT AN EYE OUT FOR SIGNS OF ANY OTHER HUMANS ALONG HIS PATH.
DAMN IT. EVEN THOUGH IT'S NIGHT-TIME IT'S STILL NOT GOTTEN ANY COOLER......
THE MIDDAY HEAT HAD WARMED THE ASPHALT. IT WERE AS THOUGH THE BOY WAS WALKING ALONG AN OVEN.


AAAH THIS MAKES ME MISS THE JUNGLE
IF I WALK LIKE THIS IT SHOULD BE A LITTLE COOLER...
HUMANS ARE WEAK AGAINST SUDDEN TEMPERATURE CHANGES. THE TEMPERATURE HAD ONLY RISEN BY ABOUT 0.5 DEGREES, YET IT FELT AS THOUGH HE HAD A SLIGHT FEVER.


UNTILL A FEW HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE EARTH HAS PROVIDED AN EXTREMELY COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR HUMANS TO LIVE, WITH A FAIRLY STEADY AND PREDICTABLE CLIMATE ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE.


IN RECENT YEARS HOWEVER ABNORMAL WEATHER HAS BEEN OBSERVED ALL AROUND THE WORLD...
WHOLE ECOSYSTEMS OF LIVING THINGS HAVE GONE MAD...
IN AREAS OF AFRICA THE MIDDLE EAST AND AMERICA THERE HAVE BEEN OUTBREAKS OF LOCUST SWARMS AND CATERPILLARS WHICH HAVE CAUSED GREAT HARM


I IT'S NO DIFFERENT TO WALKING IN THE DAY PHEEEW
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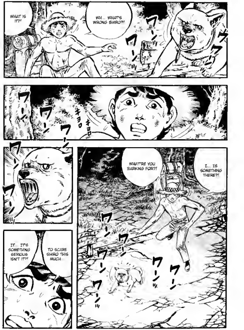
FROM HERE ON THE EARTH'S CLIMATE MAY WELL CONTINUE TO WORSEN INDEED NOWHERE WOULD BE SAFE FROM SUCH A WARMER CLIMATE...
EVEN IN JAPAN, RECENT SUMMERS HAVE SEEN A LACK OF RAIN, AND TEMPERATURES BREAKING 30C IN FUKUOKA AND TOKYO THE MEMORIES OF STRUGGLING WITH WATER SHORTAGES ARE STILL FRESH

WHAT IS IT?!
WH... WHAT'S WRONG SHIRO?!
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WHAT'RE YOU BARKING FOR?!
I... IS SOMETHING THERE?!
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IT... IT'S SOMETHING SERIOUS ISN'T IT?!
TO SCARE SHIRO THIS MUCH

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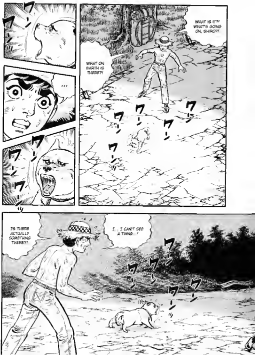
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WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S GOING ON, SHIRO?!
WHAT ON EARTH IS THERE?!
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IS THERE ACTUALLY SOMETHING THERE?!
I... I CAN'T SEE A THING...!
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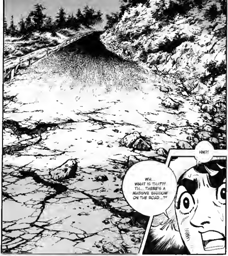
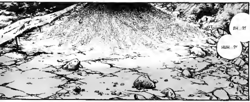

HM?!
WH... WHAT IS THAT?! TH... THERE'S A MASSIVE SHADOW ON THE ROAD...?!


EH...?!
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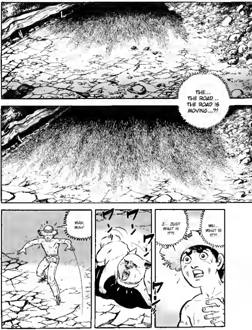
THE... THE ROAD... THE ROAD IS MOVING...?!
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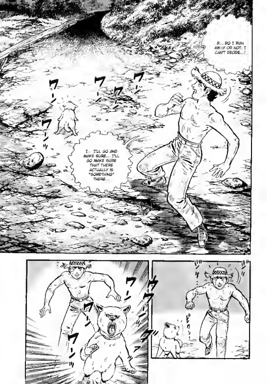
J... JUST WHAT IS IT?!
WH... WHAT IS IT?!


D... DO I RUN AWAY OR NOT. I CAN'T DECIDE...!
I... I'LL GO AND MAKE SURE... I'LL GO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ACTUALLY IS "SOMETHING" THERE...
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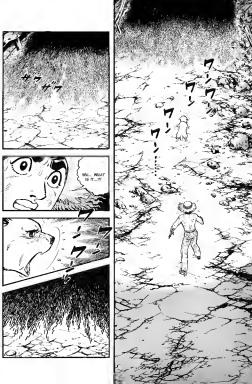
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WH... WHAT IS IT...?!
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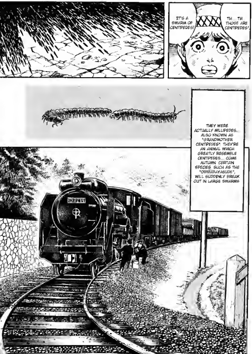
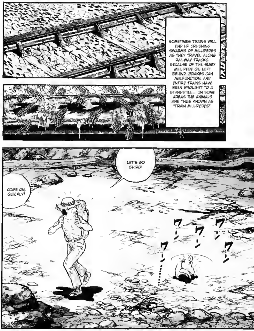

TH... TH THOSE ARE CENTIPEDES!
IT'S A SWARM OF CENTIPEDES!
THEY WERE ACTUALLY MILLIPEDES... ALSO KNOWN AS "GRANDMOTHER CENTIPEDES" THEY'RE AN ANIMAL WHICH GREATLY RESEMBLE CENTIPEDES... COME AUTUMN CERTAIN SPECIES SUCH AS THE "OBIBABAYASUDE", WILL SUDDENLY BREAK OUT IN LARGE SWARMS


SOMETIMES TRAINS WILL END UP CRUSHING SWARMS OF MILLIPEDES AS THEY TRAVEL ALONG RAILWAY TRACKS BECAUSE OF THE SLIMY MILLIPEDE OIL LEFT BEHIND BRAKES CAN MALFUNCTION, AND ENTIRE TRAINS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL... IN SOME AREAS THE ANIMALS ARE THUS KNOWN AS "TRAIN MILLIPEDES"
LET'S GO SHIRO!
COME ON, QUICKLY!
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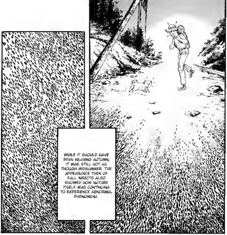
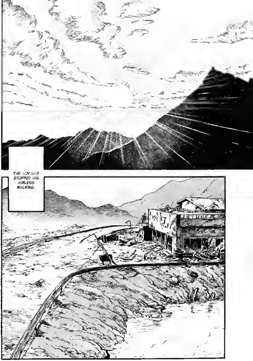
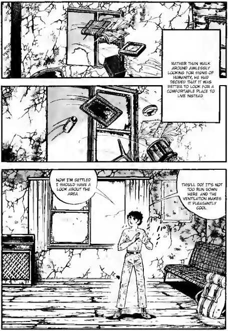
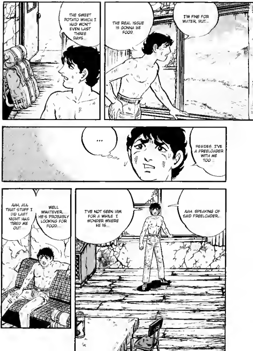

WHILE IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NEARING AUTUMN, IT WAS STILL HOT AS THOUGH MIDSUMMER. THE APPEARANCE THEN OF FALL INSECTS ALSO SHOWED HOW NATURE ITSELF WAS CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE ABNORMAL PHENOMENA


THE BOY HAD STOPPED HIS AIMLESS WALKING.


RATHER THAN WALK AROUND AIMLESSLY LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF HUMANITY, HE HAD DECIDED THAT IT WAS BETTER TO LOOK FOR A COMFORTABLE PLACE TO LIVE INSTEAD.
THIS'LL DO! IT'S NOT TOO RUN DOWN HERE AND THE VENTILATION MAKES IT PLEASANTLY COOL.
NOW I'M SETTLED I SHOULD HAVE A LOOK ABOUT THE AREA


I'M FINE FOR WATER, BUT...
THE REAL ISSUE IS GONNA BE FOOD.
THE SWEET POTATO WHICH I HAD WON'T EVEN LAST THREE DAYS...
BESIDES, I'VE A FREELOADER WITH ME TOO...
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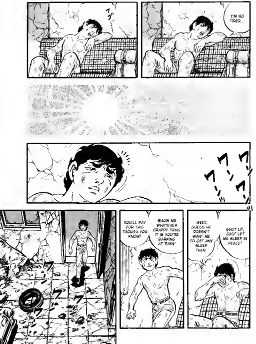
AAH, SPEAKING OF SAID FREELOADER.
I'VE NOT SEEN HIM FOR A WHILE. I WONDER WHERE HE IS...
WELL WHATEVER... HE'S PROBABLY LOOKING FOR FOOD...
AAH, ALL THAT STUFF I DID LAST NIGHT HAS TIRED ME OUT...


I'M SO TIRED
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SHUT UP, JUST LET ME SLEEP IN PEACE!
GEEZ, GUESS HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO GET ANY SLEEP THEN
SHOW ME WHATEVER CRAPPY THING IT IS YOU'RE BARKING AT THEN!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS THOUGH YOU KNOW!
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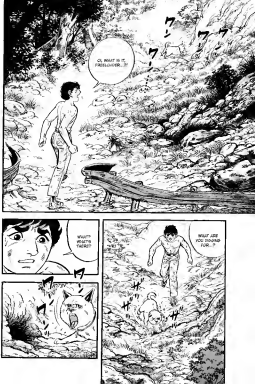
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OI, WHAT IS IT, FREELOADER...?!
WHAT ARE YOU DIGGING FOR...?
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WHAT? WHAT'S THERE?
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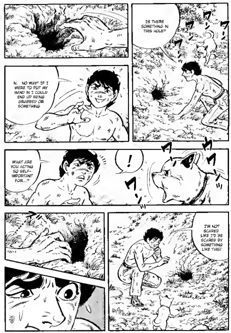
IS THERE SOMETHING IN THIS HOLE?
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N... NO WAY! IF I WERE TO PUT MY HAND IN I COULD END UP BEING GRABBED OR SOMETHING
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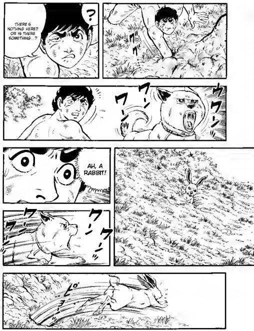
WHAT ARE YOU ACTING SO SELF-IMPORTANT FOR...?
I'M NOT SCARED LIKE I'D BE SCARED BY SOMETHING LIKE THIS!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THERE'S NOTHING HERE? OR IS THERE SOMETHING...?
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AH, A RABBIT!
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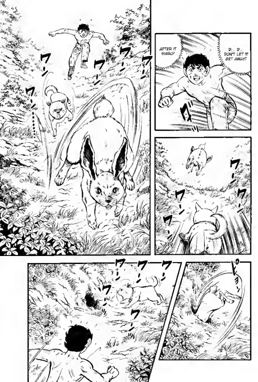
D. D. DON'T LET IT GET AWAY!
AFTER IT SHIRO!
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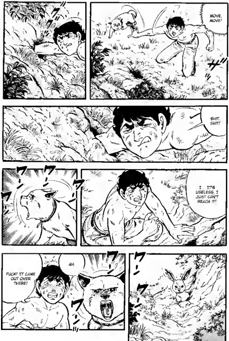
MOVE, MOVE!
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SHIT! SHIT!
I... IT'S USELESS. I JUST CAN'T REACH IT!
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AH
FUCK! IT CAME OUT OVER THERE!
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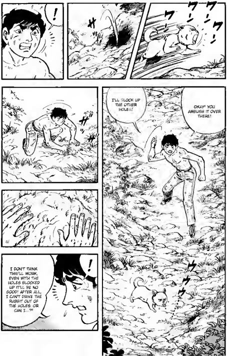
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I'LL BLOCK UP THE OTHER HOLES!
OKAY! YOU AMBUSH IT OVER THERE!
I DON'T THINK THIS'LL WORK, EVEN WITH THE HOLES BLOCKED UP IT'LL BE NO GOOD! AFTER ALL, I CAN'T DRIVE THE RABBIT OUT OF THE HOLES OR CAN I...?!
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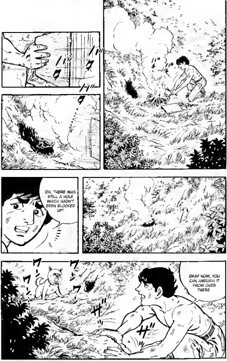
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OH, THERE WAS STILL A HOLE WHICH HADN'T BEEN BLOCKED UP!
OKAY NOW, YOU CAN AMBUSH IT FROM OVER THERE
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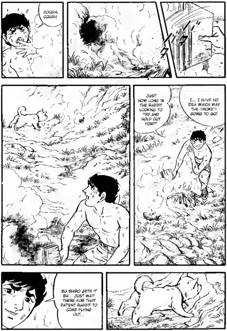
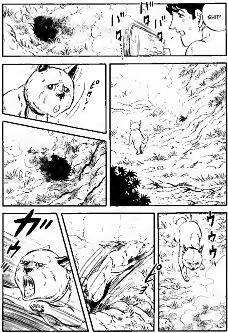

COUGH, COUGH
JUST HOW LONG IS THE RABBIT LOOKING TO TRY AND HOLD OUT FOR?!
I... I HAVE NO IDEA WHICH WAY THE SMOKE'S GOING TO GO!
SO SHIRO GETS IT EH JUST WAIT THERE FOR THAT PATIENT RABBIT TO COME FLYING OUT...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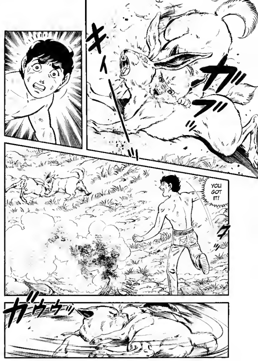
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YOU GOT IT!
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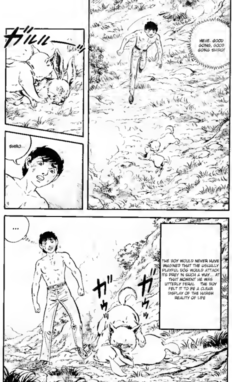
HEHE.. GOOD GOING, GOOD GONG SHIRO!
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SHIRO...
...
THE BOY WOULD NEVER HAVE IMAGINED THAT THE USUALLY PLAYFUL DOG WOULD ATTACK ITS PREY IN SUCH A WAY... AT THAT MOMENT HE WAS UTTERLY FERAL THE BOY FELT IT TO BE A CLEAR DISPLAY OF THE HARSH REALITY OF LIFE
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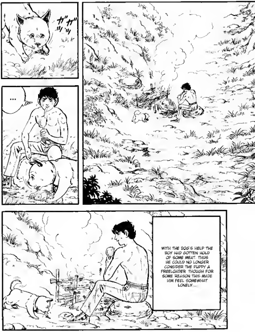
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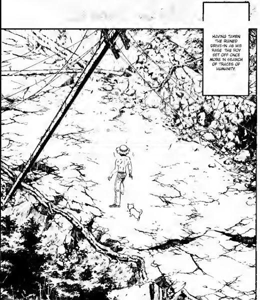
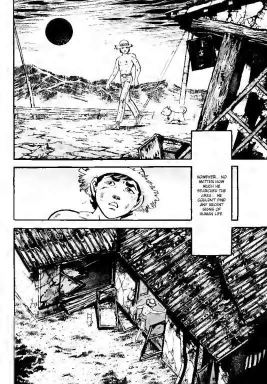
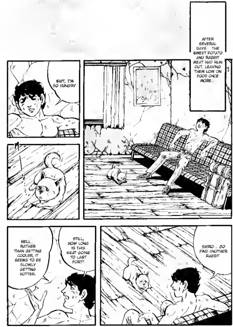
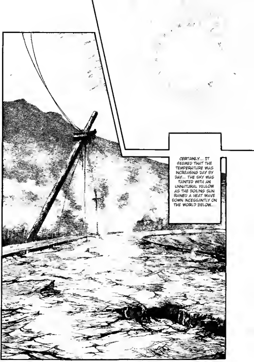
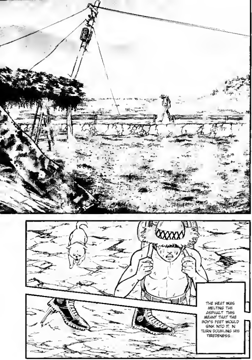
...
WITH THE DOG'S HELP THE BOY HAD GOTTEN HOLD OF SOME MEAT. THUS HE COULD NO LONGER CONSIDER THE PUPPY A FREELOADER. THOUGH FOR SOME REASON THIS MADE HIM FEEL SOMEWHAT LONELY......

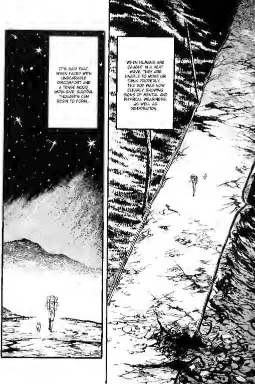

HAVING TAKEN THE RUINED DRIVE-IN AS HIS BASE, THE BOY SET OFF ONCE MORE IN SEARCH OF TRACES OF HUMANITY.

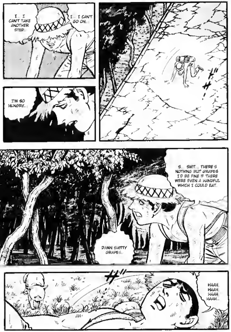

HOWEVER... NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE SEARCHED THE AREA... HE COULDN'T FIND ANY RECENT SIGNS OF HUMAN LIFE


AFTER SEVERAL DAYS, THE SWEET POTATO AND RABBIT MEAT HAD RUN OUT, LEAVING THEM LOW ON FOOD ONCE MORE...
SHIT, I'M SO HUNGRY
HELL. RATHER THAN GETTING COOLER, IT SEEMS TO BE SLOWLY GETTING HOTTER.
STILL, HOW LONG IS THIS HEAT GOING TO LAST FOR?!
SHIRO... GO FIND ANOTHER RABBIT


CERTAINLY... IT SEEMED THAT THE TEMPERATURE WAS INCREASING DAY BY DAY... THE SKY WAS TAINTED WITH AN UNNATURAL YELLOW AS THE BOILING SUN RAINED A HEAT WAVE DOWN INCESSANTLY ON THE WORLD BELOW...


THE HEAT WAS MELTING THE ASPHALT THIS MEANT THAT THE BOY'S FEET WOULD SINK INTO IT IN TURN DOUBLING HIS TIREDENESS


WHEN HUMANS ARE CAUGHT IN A HEAT WAVE, THEY ARE UNABLE TO MOVE OR THINK PROPERLY... THE BOY WAS NOW CLEARLY SHOWING SIGNS OF MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WEARINESS, AS WELL AS DEHYDRATION...
IT'S SAID THAT WHEN FACED WITH UNBEARABLE DISCOMFORT AND A TENSE MOOD IMPULSIVE, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS CAN BEGIN TO FORM...



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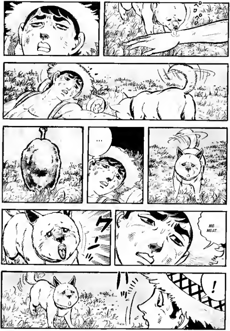
I... I CAN'T GO ON...
I... I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER STEP...
I'M SO HUNGRY...
S... SHIT... THERE'S NOTHING BUT GRAPES. I'D BE FINE IF THERE WERE EVEN A HANDFUL WHICH I COULD EAT.
DAMN SHITTY GRAPES...
HAAH... HAAH... HAAH... HAAH...


...
ME MEAT
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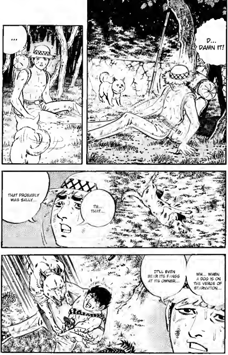
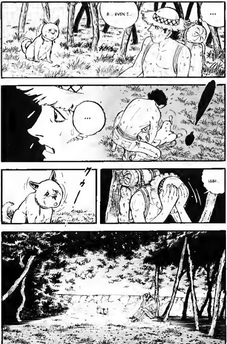

D... DAMN IT!
...
TH... THAT...
THAT PROBABLY WAS SALLY...
WH... WHEN A DOG IS ON THE VERGE OF STARVATION...
IT'LL EVEN BEAR ITS FANGS AT ITS OWNER...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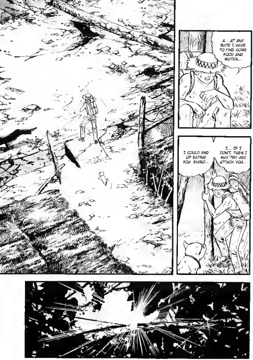
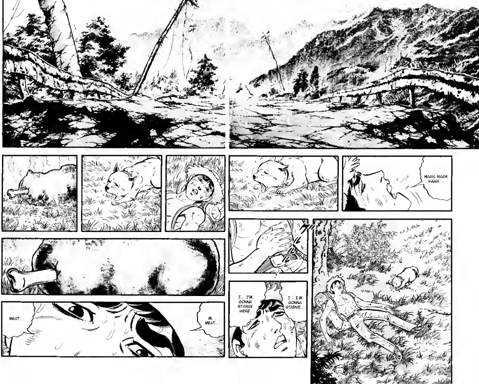
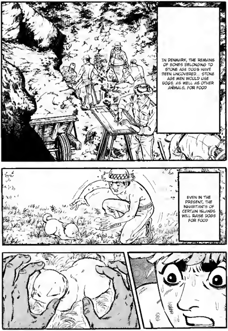

A... AT ANY RATE I HAVE TO FIND SOME FOOD AND WATER...
I... IF I DON'T, THEN I MAY TRY AND ATTACK YOU...
I COULD END UP EATING YOU SHIRO...


HAAH, HAAH HAAH...
I... IM GONNA STARVE
I... I'M GONNA STARVE HERE
M... MEAT...
MEAT


IN DENMARK, THE REMAINS OF BONES BELONGING TO STONE AGE DOGS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED... STONE AGE MEN WOULD USE DOGS, AS WELL AS OTHER ANIMALS, FOR FOOD
EVEN IN THE PRESENT, THE INHABITANTS OF CERTAIN ISLANDS WILL RAISE DOGS FOR FOOD

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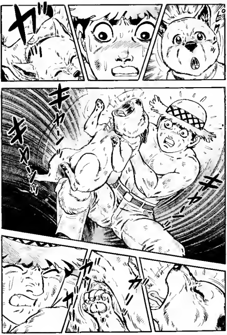
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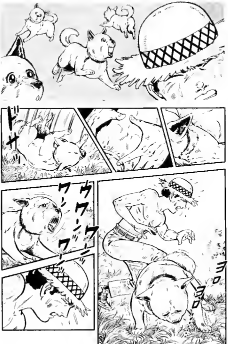
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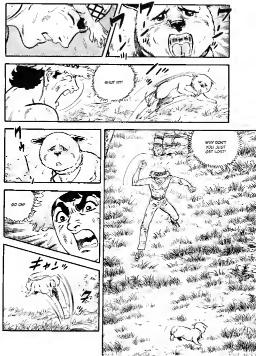
SHUT IIIT!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET LOST!
GO ON!
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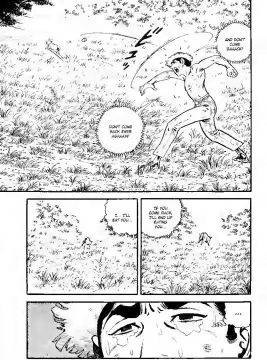
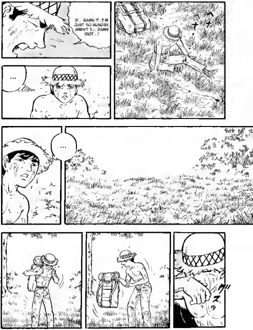

AND DON'T COME BAAACK!
DON'T COME BACK EVER AGAAAIN!
IF YOU COME BACK, I'LL END UP EATING YOU...
I... I'LL EAT YOU...
...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D... DAMN IT I'M JUST SO HUNGRY AREN'T I... DAMN IDIOT...!
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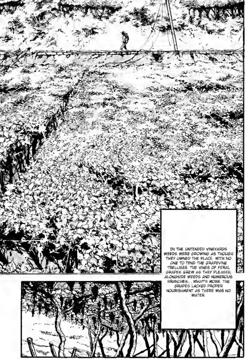
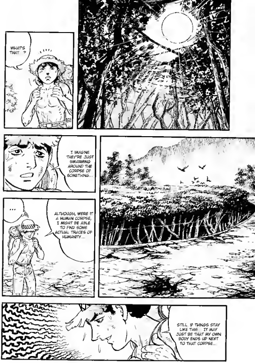
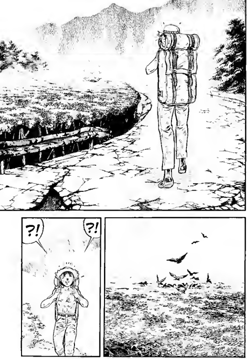
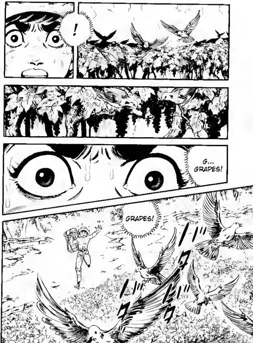

IN THE UNTENDED VINEYARDS WEEDS WERE GROWING AS THOUGH THEY OWNED THE PLACE. WITH NO ONE TO TEND THE GRAPEVINE TRELLISES, THE VINES OF FERAL GRAPES GREW AS THEY PLEASED, ALONGSIDE WEEDS AND NUMEROUS BRANCHES... WHAT'S MORE, THE GRAPES LACKED PROPER NOURISHMENT AS THERE WAS NO WATER


WHAT'S THAT ?
I IMAGINE THEY'RE JUST SWARMING AROUND THE CORPSE OF SOMETHING...
...
ALTHOUGH, WERE IT A HUMAN CORPSE, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND SOME ACTUAL TRACES OF HUMANITY...
STILL IF THINGS STAY LIKE THIS... IT MAY JUST BE THAT MY OWN BODY ENDS UP NEXT TO THAT CORPSE...

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G... GRAPES!
GRAPES!
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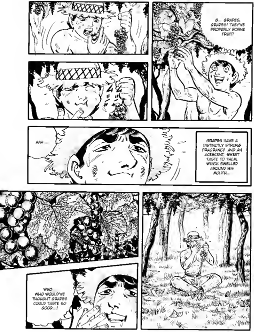
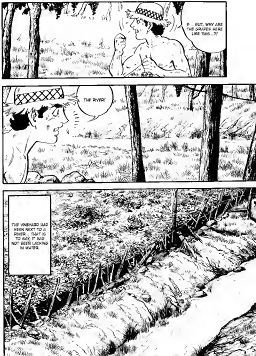
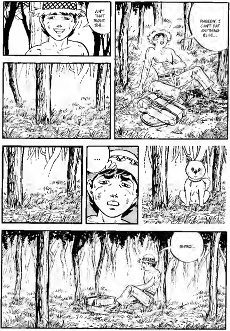
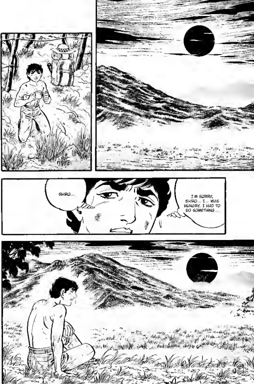
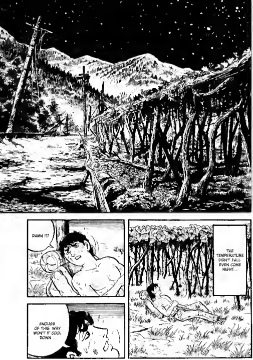
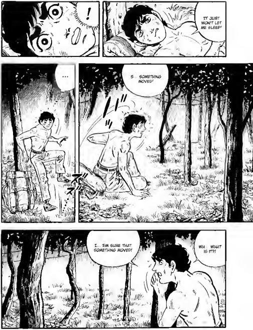

G... GRAPES, GRAPES! THEY'VE PROPERLY BORNE FRUIT!?
GRAPES HAVE A DISTINCTLY STRONG FRAGRANCE AND AN ACESCENT SWEET TASTE TO THEM, WHICH SWELLED AROUND HIS MOUTH...
AAH...
WHO... WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT GRAPES COULD TASTE SO GOOD...!


B ... BUT, WHY ARE THE GRAPES HERE LIKE THIS ...?!
THE RIVER!
THE VINEYARD HAD BEEN NEXT TO A RIVER ... THAT IS TO SAY, IT HAD NOT BEEN LACKING IN WATER.


PHEEEW, I CAN'T EAT ANYTHING ELSE...
AIN'T THAT RIGHT, SHI...
...
SHIRO...


SHIRO...
I'M SORRY, SHIRO... I... WAS HUNGRY. I HAD TO DO SOMETHING...


THE TEMPERATURE DIDN'T FALL EVEN COME NIGHT...
DAMN IT!
ENOUGH OF THIS WHY WON'T IT COOL DOWN


IT JUST WON'T LET ME SLEEP!
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S... SOMETHING MOVED!
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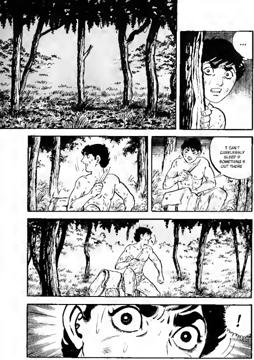
WH... WHAT IS IT?!
I... I'M SURE THAT SOMETHING MOVED!


...
I CAN'T CARELESSLY SLEEP IF SOMETHING'S OUT THERE
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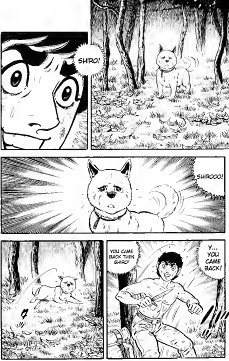
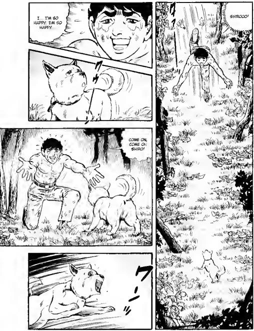
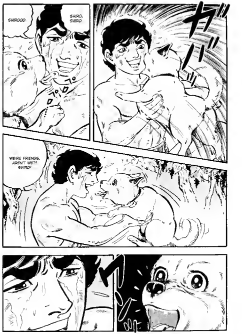

SHIRO!
SHIROOO!
Y... YOU CAME BACK!
YOU CAME BACK THEN SHIRO!


SHIROOO!
I... I'M SO HAPPY, I'M SO HAPPY
COME ON, COME ON, SHIRO!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SHIRO, SHIRO
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WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?! SHIRO!
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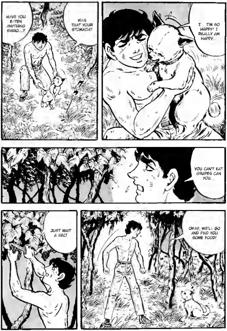
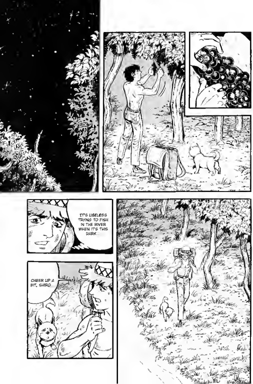
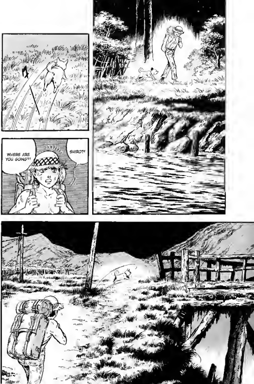
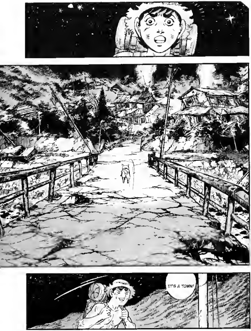
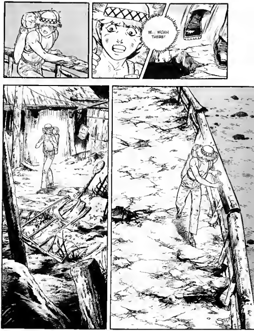
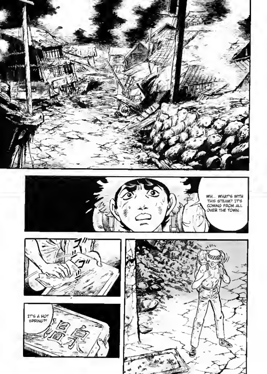

I I'M SO HAPPY! I REALLY AM HAPPY...
WAS THAT YOUR STOMACH?
HAVE YOU EATEN ANYTHING SHIRO...?
YOU CAN'T EAT GRAPES CAN YOU.
OKAY, WE'LL GO AND FIND YOU SOME FOOD!
JUST WAIT A SEC!


IT'S USELESS TRYING TO FISH IN THE RIVER WHEN IT'S THIS DARK...
CHEER UP A BIT, SHIRO.


SHIRO?!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!


IT'S A TOWN!


W... WOAH THERE!


WH... WHAT'S WITH THIS STEAM? IT'S COMING FROM ALL OVER THE TOWN...
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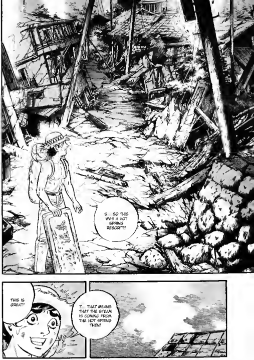
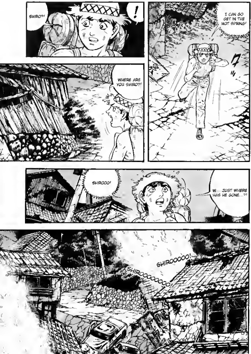
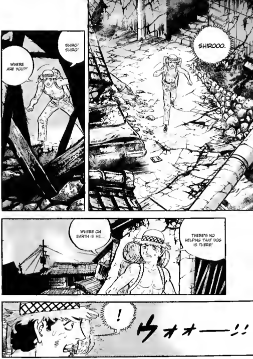
IT'S A HOT SPRING?!
温泉


S... SO THIS WAS A HOT SPRING RESORT?!
THIS IS GREAT!
T... THAT MEANS THAT THE STEAM IS COMING FROM THE HOT SPRING THEN!


I CAN GO GET IN THE HOT SPRING!
SHIRO?!
!
WHERE ARE YOU SHIRO?!
W... JUST WHERE HAS HE GONE...?!
SHIROOO!
SHIROOOOO!
SHIROOOOOOOOOO!


SHIROOO.
SHIRO! SHIRO!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
THERE'S NO HELPING THAT DOG IS THERE!
WHERE ON EARTH IS HE...
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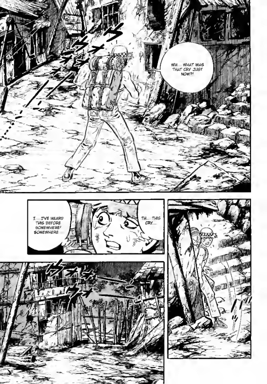
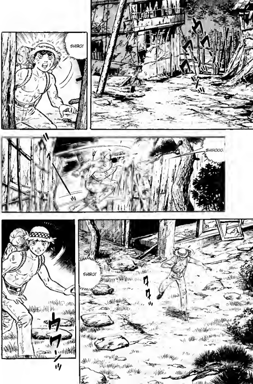
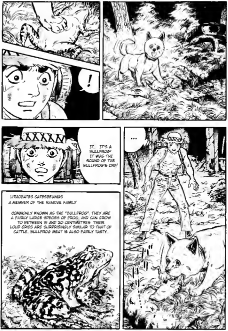

WH... WHAT WAS THAT CRY JUST NOW?!
TH... THIS CRY...
I... I'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE SOMEWHERE! SOMEWHERE...


SHIRO!
SHIROOO.
SHIRO!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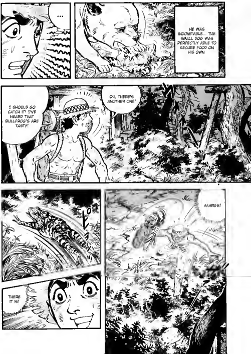
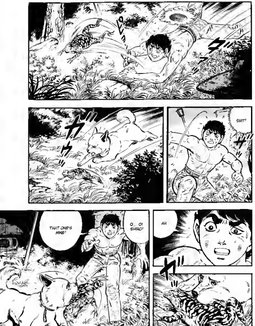
IT... IT'S A BULLFROG! IT WAS THE SOUND OF THE BULLFROG'S CRY!
...
LITHOBATES CATESBEIANUS
A MEMBER OF THE RANIDAE FAMILY
COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "BULLFROG", THEY ARE A FAIRLY LARGE SPECIES OF FROG, AND CAN GROW TO BETWEEN 15 AND 20 CENTIMETRES. THEIR LOUD CRIES ARE SURPRISINGLY SIMILAR TO THAT OF CATTLE. BULLFROG MEAT IS ALSO FAIRLY TASTY.


HE WAS INDOMITABLE... THE SMALL DOG WAS PERFECTLY ABLE TO SECURE FOOD ON HIS OWN
...
OH, THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
I SHOULD GO CATCH IT! I'VE HEARD THAT BULLFROG'S ARE TASTY!
AAARGH!
THERE IT IS!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O... OI SHIRO!
THAT ONE'S MINE!
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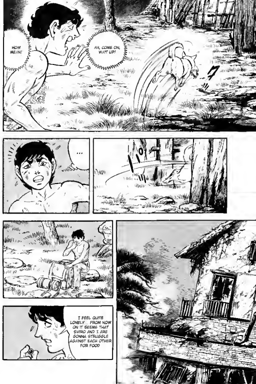
HOW MEAN!
AH, COME ON, WAIT UP!
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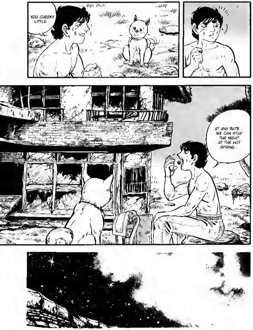
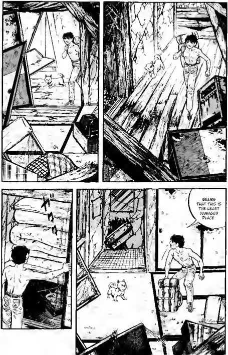
I FEEL QUITE LONELY FROM NOW ON IT SEEMS THAT SHIRO AND I ARE GONNA STRUGGLE AGAINST EACH OTHER FOR FOOD


YOU CHEEKY LITTLE
AT ANY RATE ... WE CAN STAY THE NIGHT AT THE HOT SPRING.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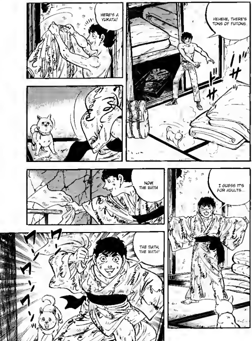
SEEMS THAT THIS IS THE LEAST DAMAGED PLACE


HEHEHE, THERE'S TONS OF FUTONS.
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HERE'S A YUKATA!
I GUESS IT'S FOR ADULTS...
NOW THE BATH
THE BATH, THE BATH!
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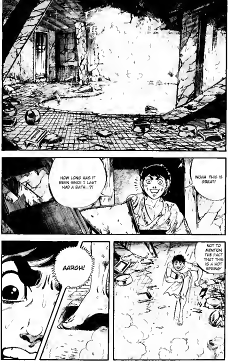
WOAH THIS IS GREAT!
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I LAST HAD A BATH...?!
NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT THIS IS A HOT SPRING!
AARGH!

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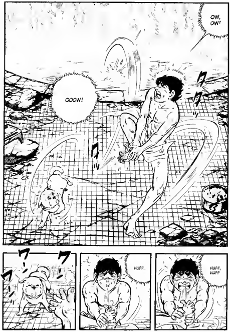
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OOOW!
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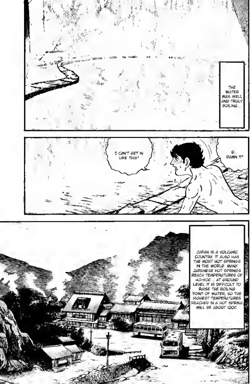
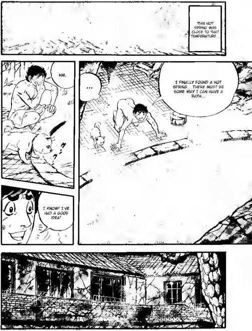

THE WATER WAS WELL AND TRULY BOILING...
D... DAMN IT!
I CAN'T GET IN LIKE THIS!
JAPAN IS A VOLCANIC COUNTRY. IT ALSO HAS THE MOST HOT SPRINGS IN THE WORLD. MANY JAPANESE HOT SPRINGS REACH TEMPERATURES OF 40-60C... AT GROUND LEVEL IT IS DIFFICULT TO RAISE THE BOILING POINT OF WATER, SO THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURES REACHED IN A HOT SPRING WILL BE ABOUT 100C


THIS HOT SPRING WAS CLOSE TO THAT TEMPERATURE
I FINALLY FOUND A HOT SPRING... THERE MUST BE SOME WAY I CAN HAVE A BATH...
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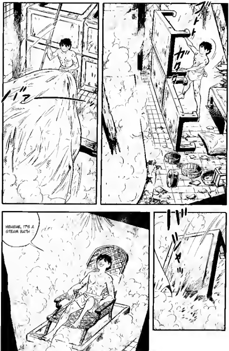
I KNOW! I'VE HAD A GOOD IDEA!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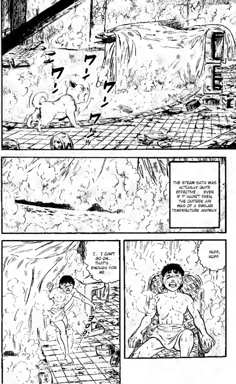
HEHEHE, IT'S A STEAM BATH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THE STEAM BATH WAS ACTUALLY QUITE EFFECTIVE EVEN IF IT HADN'T BEEN, THE OUTSIDE AIR WAS OF A SIMILAR TEMPERATURE ANYWAY.
I... I CAN'T GO ON... THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.
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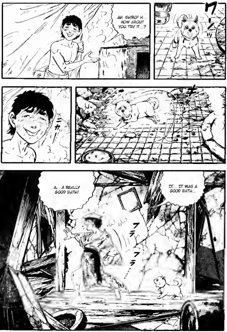
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AH SHIRO! H HOW ABOUT YOU TRY IT ?
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IT... IT WAS A GOOD BATH...
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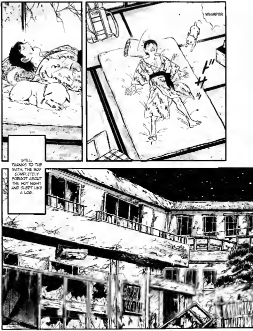
A... A REALLY GOOD BATH!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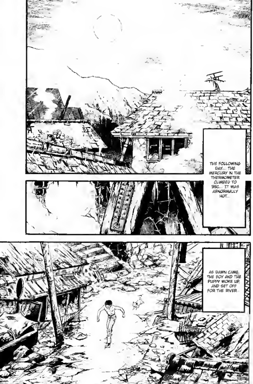
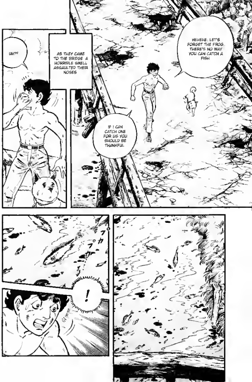
STILL, THANKS TO THE BATH, THE BOY COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THE HOT NIGHT AND SLEPT LIKE A LOG.


THE FOLLOWING DAY... THE MERCURY IN THE THERMOMETER CLIMBED TO 35C... IT WAS ABNORMALLY HOT...
AS DAWN CAME THE BOY AND THE PUPPY WOKE UP AND SET OFF FOR THE RIVER...


HEHEHE. LET'S FORGET THE FROG. THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN CATCH A FISH
IF I CAN CATCH ONE FOR US YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL.
AS THEY CAME TO THE BRIDGE A HORRIBLE SMELL ASSAULTED THEIR NOSES
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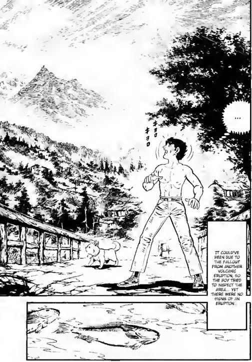
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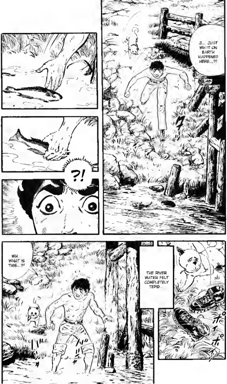
IT COULD'VE BEEN DUE TO THE FALLOUT FROM ANOTHER VOLCANIC ERUPTION, SO THE BOY TRIED TO INSPECT THE AREA... YET THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF AN ERUPTION.


J... JUST WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED HERE...?!
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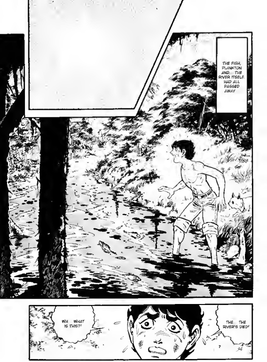
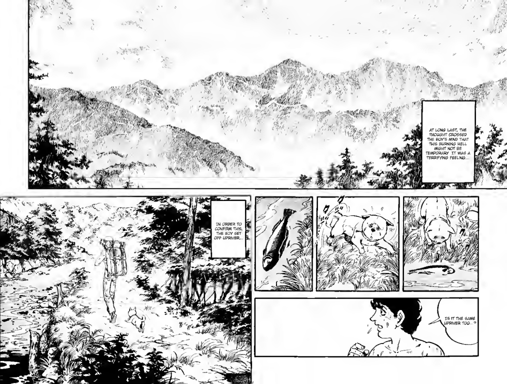
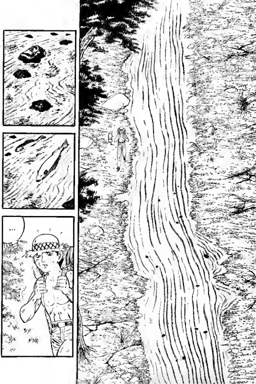
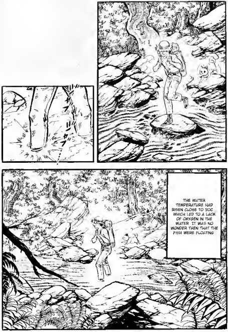
THE RIVER WATER FELT COMPLETELY TEPID...
WH WHAT IS THIS...?!


THE FISH, PLANKTON AND THE RIVER ITSELF HAD ALL PASSED AWAY
THE THE RIVER'S DIED!
WH WHAT IS THIS?!


AT LONG LAST, THE THOUGHT CROSSED THE BOY'S MIND THAT THIS BURNING HELL MIGHT NOT BE TEMPORARY. IT WAS A TERRIFYING FEELING...
IN ORDER TO CONFIRM THIS, THE BOY SET OFF UPRIVER...
IS IT THE SAME UPRIVER TOO...?

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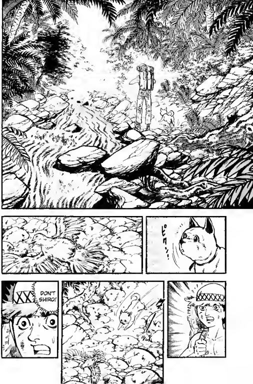
THE WATER TEMPERATURE HAD RISEN CLOSE TO 30C WHICH LED TO A LACK OF OXYGEN IN THE WATER IT WAS NO WONDER THEN THAT THE FISH WERE FLOATING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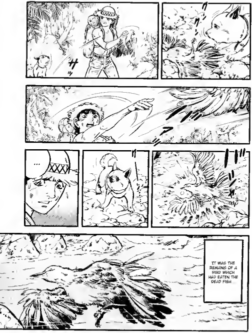
DON'T SHIRO!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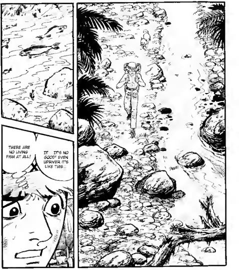
IT WAS THE REMAINS OF A BIRD WHICH HAD EATEN THE DEAD FISH


IT IT'S NO GOOD! EVEN UPRIVER IT'S LIKE THIS...
THERE ARE NO LIVING FISH AT ALL!

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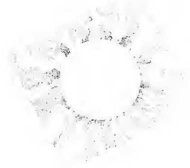

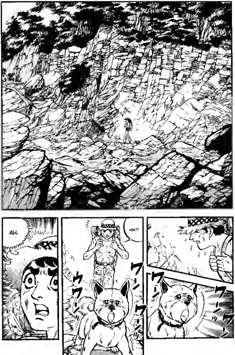
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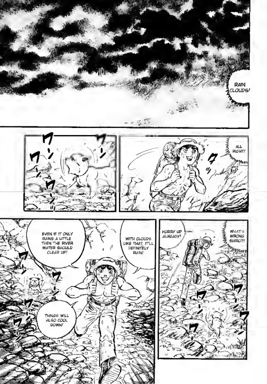
RAIN CLOUDS!
ALL RIGHT!
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WHAT'S WRONG SHIRO?!
HURRY UP ALREADY!
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WITH CLOUDS LIKE THAT, IT'LL DEFINITELY RAIN!
EVEN IF IT ONLY RAINS A LITTLE THEN THE RIVER WATER SHOULD CLEAR UP!
THINGS WILL ALSO COOL DOWN!
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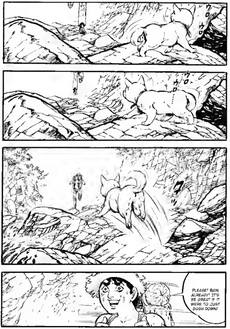
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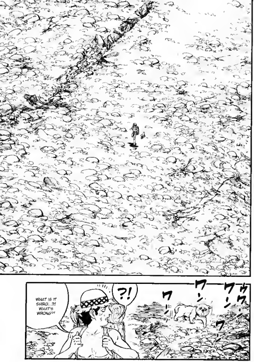
PLEASE! RAIN ALREADY! IT'D BE GREAT IF IT WERE TO JUST GUSH DOWN!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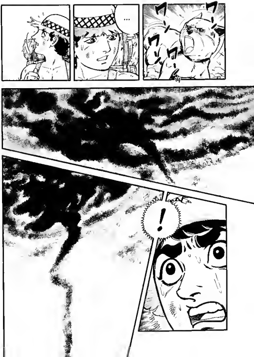
WHAT IS IT SHIRO...?! WHAT'S WRONG?!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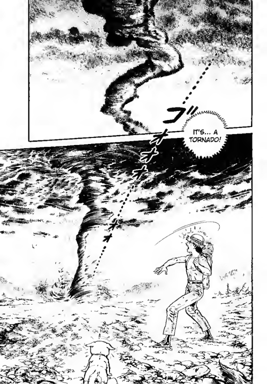
IT'S... A TORNADO!
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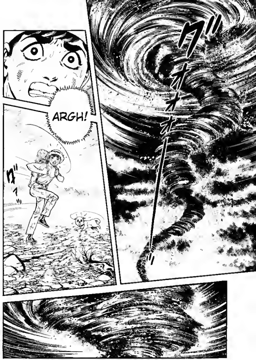
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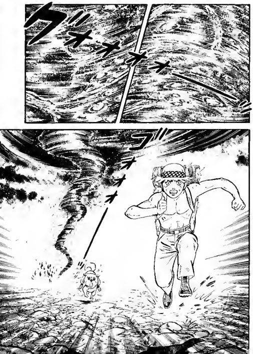
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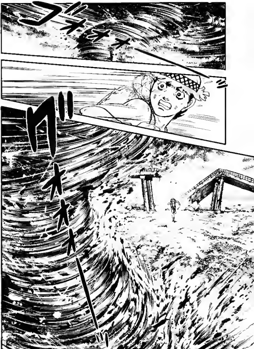
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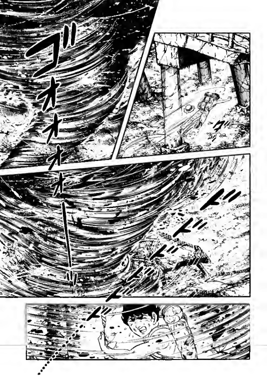
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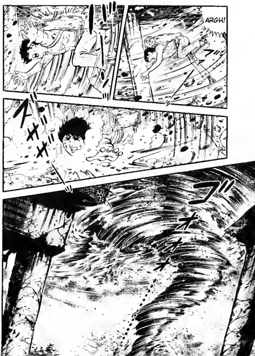
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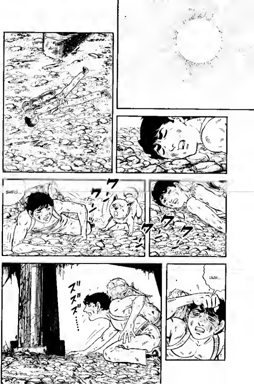
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SHIRO...
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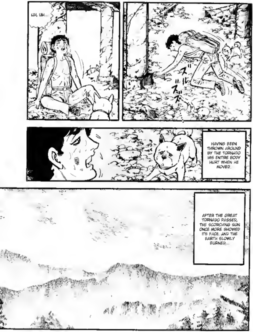
UH, UH...
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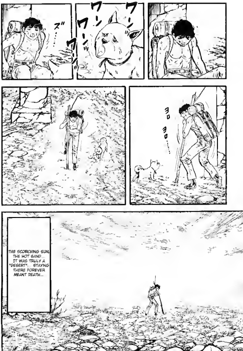
HAVING BEEN THROWN AROUND BY THE TORNADO HIS ENTIRE BODY HURT WHEN HE MOVED.
AFTER THE GREAT TORNADO PASSED, THE SCORCHING SUN ONCE MORE SHOWED ITS FACE, AND THE EARTH SLOWLY BURNED...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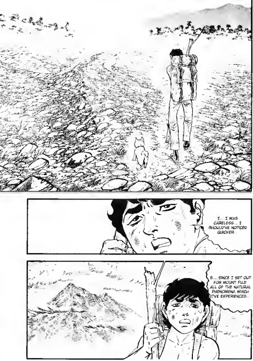
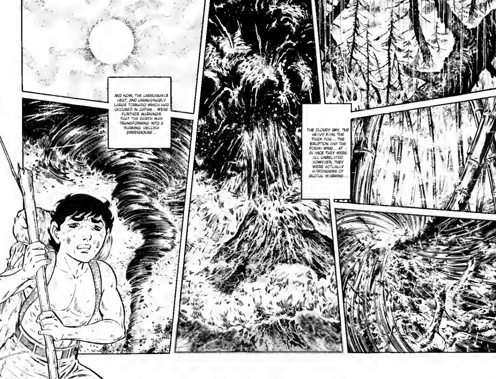
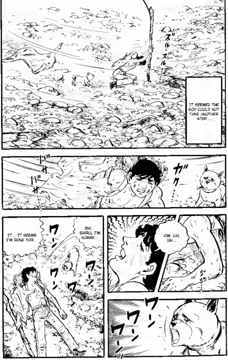
THE SCORCHING SUN, THE HOT SAND... IT WAS TRULY A "DESERT"... STAYING THERE FOREVER MEANT DEATH...


I... I WAS CARELESS... I SHOULD'VE NOTICED QUICKER...
S... SINCE I SET OUT FOR MOUNT FUJI! ALL OF THE NATURAL PHENOMENA WHICH I'VE EXPERIENCED...


THE CLOUDY SKY, THE HEAVY RAIN, THE THICK FOG... THE ERUPTION AND THE FOEHN WIND... AT A GLANCE THEY WERE ALL UNRELATED, HOWEVER, THEY WERE ACTUALLY HARBINGERS OF GLOBAL WARMING...
AND NOW, THE UNBEARABLE HEAT AND UNIMAGINABLY LARGE TORNADO WHICH HAD OCCURED IN JAPAN... WERE FURTHER WARNINGS THAT THE EARTH WAS TRANSFORMING INTO A BURNING HELLISH GREENHOUSE...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IT SEEMED THE BOY COULD NOT TAKE ANOTHER STEP...
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SHI SHIRO, I'M SORRY
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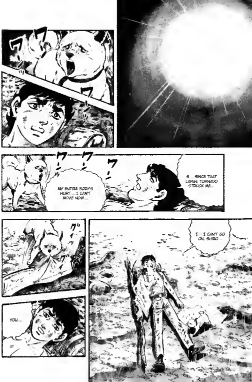
IT... IT SEEMS I'M DONE FOR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S… SINCE THAT LARGE TORNADO STRUCK ME…
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MY ENTIRE BODY'S HURT… I CAN'T MOVE NOW…
I… I CAN'T GO ON, SHIRO…
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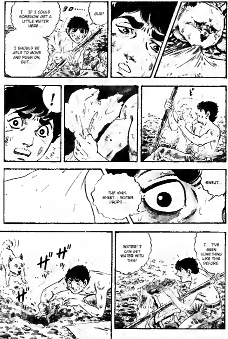
YOU…


GUH!
ZO.....
I... IF I COULD SOMEHOW GET A LITTLE WATER HERE...
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE AND PUSH ON, BUT...
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SWEAT...
THE VINYL SHEET... WATER DROPS...
I... I'VE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.
WATER! I CAN GET WATER WITH THIS!
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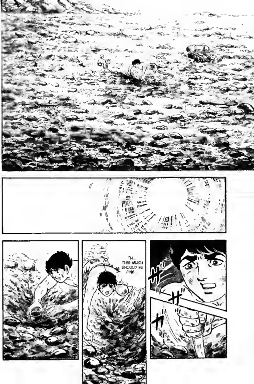
TH... THIS MUCH SHOULD BE FINE
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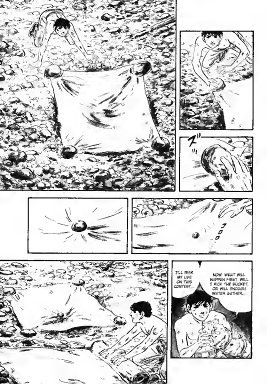
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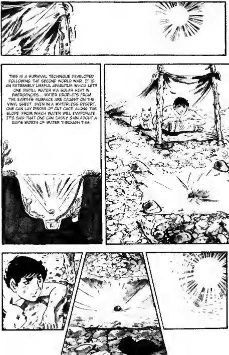
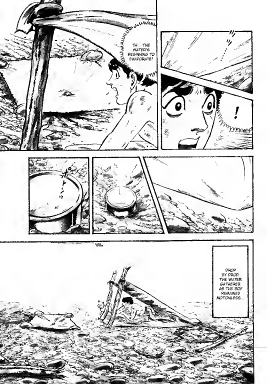
NOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN FIRST WILL I KICK THE BUCKET OR WILL ENOUGH WATER GATHER...
I'LL RISK MY LIFE ON THIS CONTEST...


THIS IS A SURVIVAL TECHINQUE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. IT IS AN EXTREMELY USEFUL APARATUS WHICH LETS ONE DISTILL WATER VIA SOLAR HEAT IN EMERGENCIES... WATER DROPLETS FROM THE EARTH'S SURFACE ARE CAUGHT ON THE VINYL SHEET. EVEN IN A WATERLESS DESERT, ONE CAN LAY PIECES OF CUT CACTI ALONG THE SLOPE FROM WHICH WATER WILL EVAPORATE. IT'S SAID THAT ONE CAN EASILY GAIN ABOUT A DAY'S WORTH OF WATER THROUGH THIS.


TH THE WATER'S BEGINNING TO EVAPORATE!
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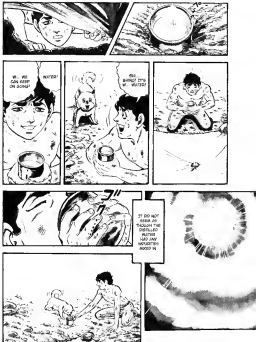
DROP BY DROP THE WATER GATHERED AS THE BOY REMAINED MOTIONLESS...


SHI... SHIRO! IT'S W... WATER!
WATER!
W... WE CAN KEEP ON GOING!
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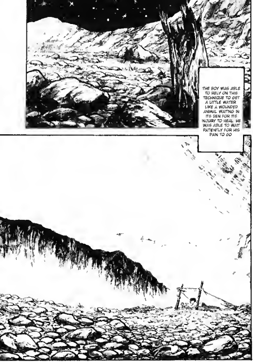
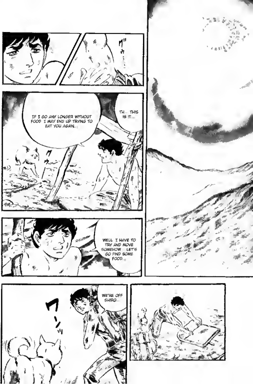
IT DID NOT SEEM AS THOUGH THE DISTILLED WATER HAD ANY IMPURITIES MIXED IN


THE BOY WAS ABLE TO RELY ON THIS TECHNIQUE TO GET A LITTLE WATER LIKE A WOUNDED ANIMAL WAITING IN ITS DEN FOR ITS INJURY TO HEAL HE WAS ABLE TO WAIT PATENTLY FOR HIS PAN TO GO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TH... THIS IS IT...
IF I GO ANY LONGER WITHOUT FOOD, I MAY END UP TRYING TO EAT YOU AGAIN...
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WELL, I HAVE TO TRY AND MOVE SOMEHOW... LET'S GO FIND SOME FOOD...
WE'RE OFF, SHIRO...
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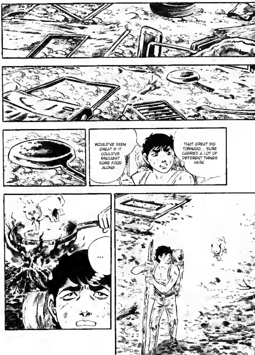
THAT GREAT BIG TORNADO... SURE CARRIED A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS HERE
WOULD'VE BEEN GREAT IF IT COULD'VE BROUGHT SOME FOOD ALONG...
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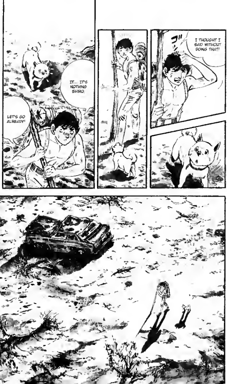
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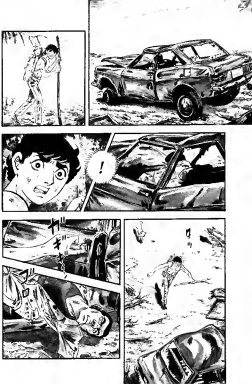
I THOUGHT I SAID WITHOUT DOING THAT!
IT... IT'S NOTHING SHIRO.
LET'S GO ALREADY!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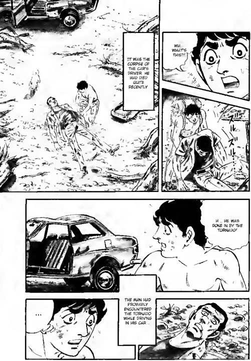
WH... WHAT'S THIS?!
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IT WAS THE CORPSE OF THE CAR'S DRIVER. HE HAD DIED QUITE RECENTLY
H... HE WAS DONE IN BY THE TORNADO!
THE MAN HAD PROBABLY ENCOUNTERED THE TORNADO WHILE DRIVING IN HIS CAR...
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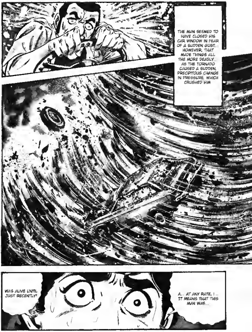
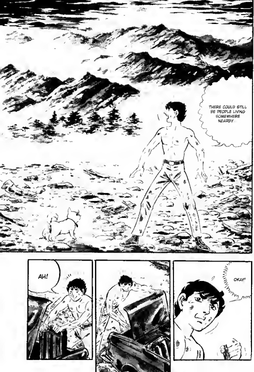
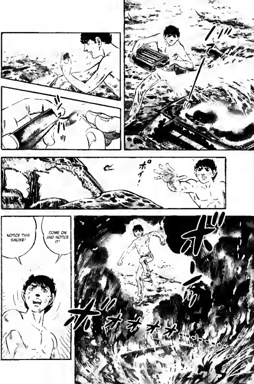

THE MAN SEEMED TO HAVE CLOSED HIS CAR WINDOW IN FEAR OF A SUDDEN GUST... HOWEVER, THAT MADE THINGS ALL THE MORE DEADLY... AS THE TORNADO CAUSED A SUDDEN, PRECIPITOUS CHANGE IN PRESSURE, WHICH CRUSHED HIM
A... AT ANY RATE, I... IT MEANS THAT THIS MAN WAS...
WAS ALIVE UNTIL JUST RECENTLY!


THERE COULD STILL BE PEOPLE LIVING SOMEWHERE NEARBY
AH!
OKAY!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NOTICE THIS SMOKE!
COME ON AND NOTICE IT!
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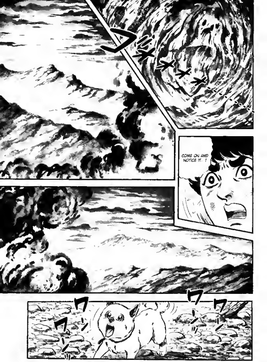
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COME ON AND NOTICE IT !
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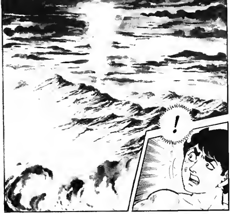
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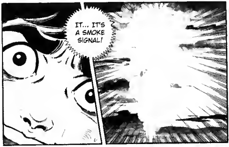
IT... IT'S A SMOKE SIGNAL!

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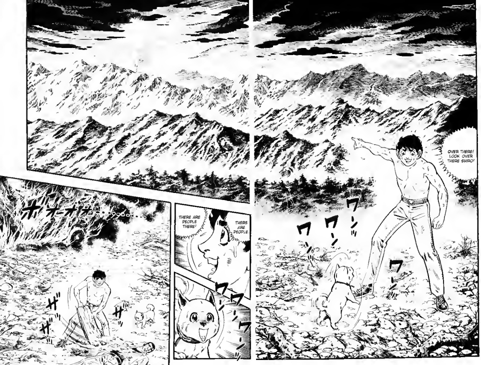
OVER THERE! LOOK OVER THERE SHIRO!
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THERE ARE PEOPLE
THERE ARE PEOPLE THERE!
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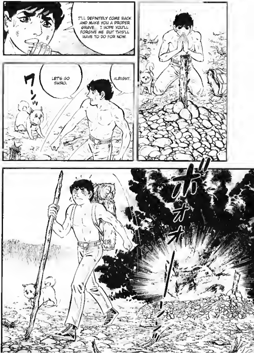
I'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK AND MAKE YOU A PROPER GRAVE I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME BUT THIS'LL HAVE TO DO FOR NOW.
ALRIGHT.
LET'S GO SHIRO.
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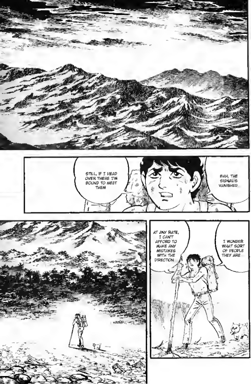
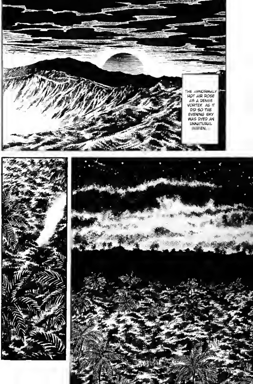
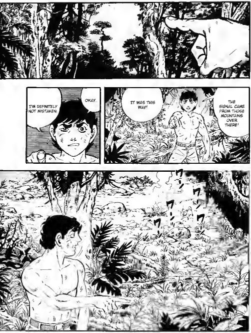

BAH, THE SIGNAL'S VANISHED...
STILL, IF I HEAD OVER THERE I'M BOUND TO MEET THEM
I WONDER WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE THEY ARE
AT ANY RATE, I CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE ANY MISTAKES WITH THE DIRECTION


THE ABNORMALY HOT AIR ROSE AS A DENSE VORTEX AS IT DID SO THE EVENING SKY WAS DYED AN UNNATURAL GREEN...


THE SIGNAL CAME FROM THOSE MOUNTAINS OVER THERE!
IT WAS THIS WAY!
OKAY...
I'M DEFINITELY NOT MISTAKEN...
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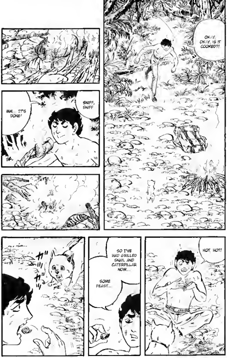
OKAY, OKAY, IS IT COOKED?!
SNIFF, SNIFF
MM... IT'S DONE!
HOT HOT!
SO I'VE HAD GRILLED SNAIL AND CATERPILLAR NOW...
SOME FEAST...
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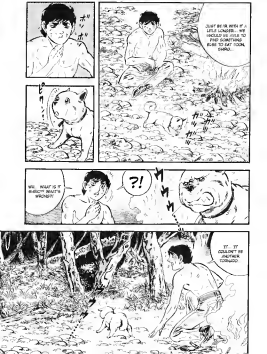
JUST BEAR WITH IT A LITTLE LONGER... WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO EAT SOON, SHIRO...
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WH... WHAT IS IT SHRIO?! WHAT'S WRONG?!
IT... IT COULDN'T BE ANOTHER TORNADO...
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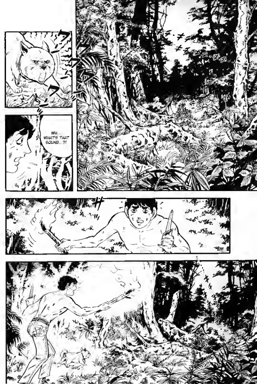
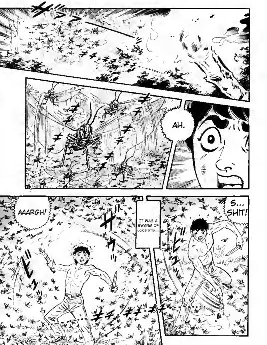
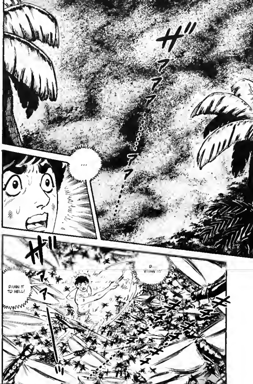

WH WHAT'S THAT SOUND...?!


AH.
S... SHIT!
IT WAS A SWARM OF LOCUSTS.
AAARGH!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D… DOWN!!
DAMN IT TO HELL!
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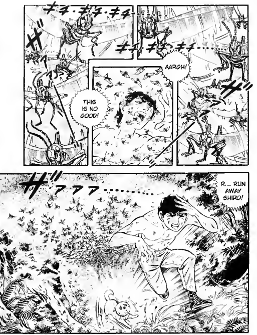
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AARGH!
THIS IS NO GOOD!
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R... RUN AWAY SHIRO!
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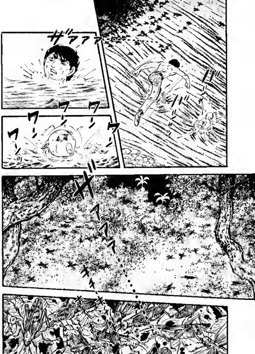
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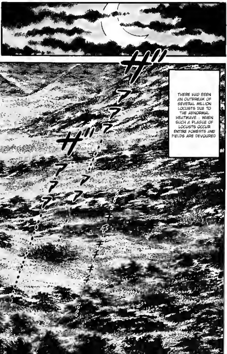
THERE HAD BEEN AN OUTBREAK OF SEVERAL MILLION LOCUSTS DUE TO THE ABNORMAL HEATWAVE : WHEN SUCH A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS OCCUR ENTIRE FORESTS AND FIELDS ARE DEVOURED
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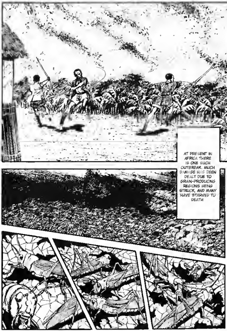
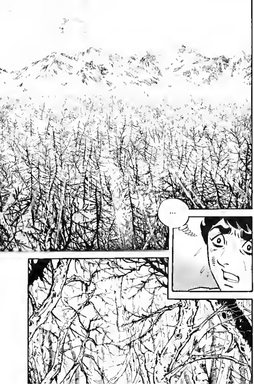
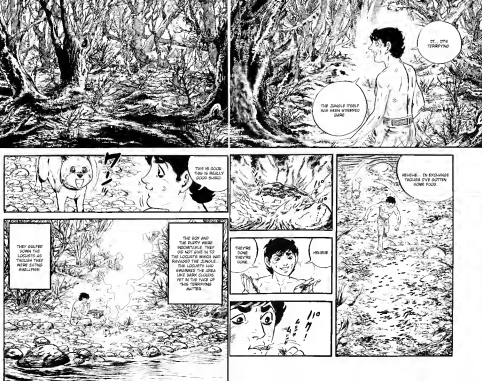

AT PRESENT IN AFRICA THERE IS ONE SUCH OUTBREAK. MUCH DAMAGE HAS BEEN DEALT DUE TO GRAIN-PRODUCING REGIONS BEING STRUCK, AND MANY HAVE STARVED TO DEATH




IT... IT'S TERRIFYING
THE JUNGLE ITSELF HAS BEEN STRIPPED BARE
HEHEHE... IN EXCHANGE THOUGH I'VE GOTTEN SOME FOOD...
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THEY'RE DONE THEY'RE DONE...
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THIS IS GOOD THIS IS REALLY GOOD SHIRO.
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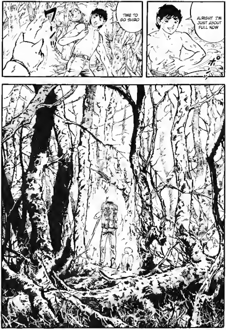
THE BOY AND THE PUPPY WERE INDOMITABLE. THEY DID NOT GIVE IN TO THE LOCUSTS WHICH HAD RAVAGED THE JUNGLE... THE LOCUSTS HAD SWARMED THE AREA LIKE DARK CLOUDS YET IN THE FACE OF THIS TERRIFYING MATTER...
THEY GULPED DOWN THE LOCUSTS AS THOUGH THEY WERE EATING SHELLFISH


ALRIGHT I'M JUST ABOUT FULL NOW
TIME TO GO SHIRO

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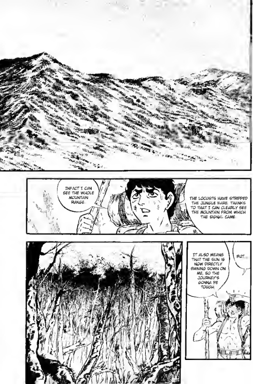
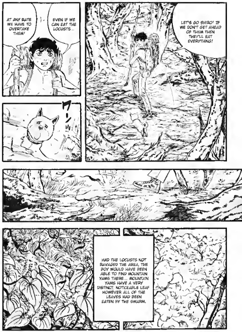

THE LOCUSTS HAVE STRIPPED THE JUNGLE BARE. THANKS TO THAT I CAN CLEARLY SEE THE MOUNTAIN FROM WHICH THE SIGNAL CAME
INFACT I CAN SEE THE WHOLE MOUNTAIN RANGE
BUT...
IT ALSO MEANS THAT THE SUN IS NOW DIRECTLY SHINING DOWN ON ME, SO THE JOURNEY'S GONNA BE TOUGH


AT ANY RATE WE HAVE TO OVERTAKE THEM!
EVEN IF WE CAN EAT THE LOCUSTS...
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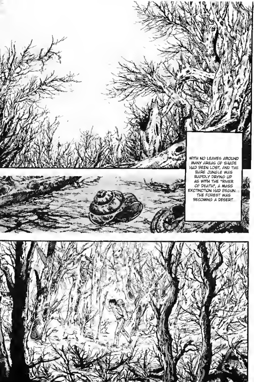
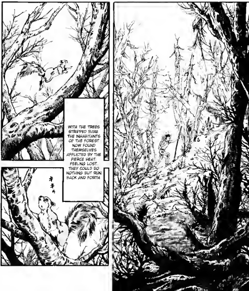
LET'S GO SHIRO! IF WE DON'T GET AHEAD OF THEM THEN THEY'LL EAT EVERYTHING!
HAD THE LOCUSTS NOT RAVAGED THE AREA, THE BOY WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND MOUNTAIN YAMS THERE ... MOUNTAIN YAMS HAVE A VERY DISTINCT NOTICEABLE LEAF HOWEVER ALL OF THE LEAVES HAD BEEN EATEN BY THE SWARM.


WITH NO LEAVES AROUND MANY AREAS OF SHADE HAD BEEN LOST, AND THE BARE JUNGLE WAS RAPIDLY DRYING UP AS WITH THE "RIVER OF DEATH", A MASS EXTINCTION HAD BEGUN. THE FOREST WAS BECOMING A DESERT.


WITH THE TREES STRIPPED BARE THE INHABITANTS OF THE FOREST NOW FOUND THEMSELVES AFFLICTED BY THE FIERCE HEAT FEELING LOST THEY COULD DO NOTHING BUT RUN BACK AND FORTH
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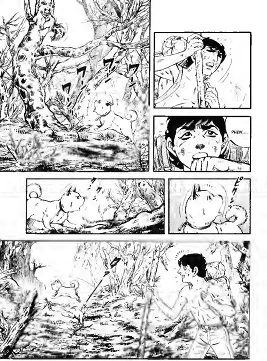
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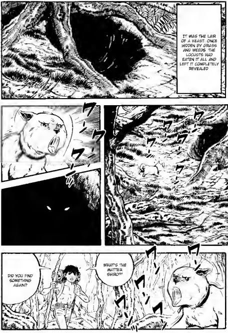
IT WAS THE LAIR OF A BEAST. ONCE HIDDEN BY GRASS AND WEEDS THE LOCUSTS HAD EATEN IT ALL AND LEFT IT COMPLETELY REVEALED
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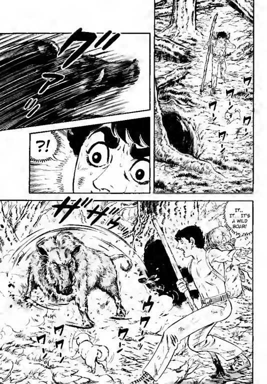
WHAT'S THE MATTER SHIRO?!
DID YOU FIND SOMETHING AGAIN?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IT.. IT.. IT'S A WILD BOAR!
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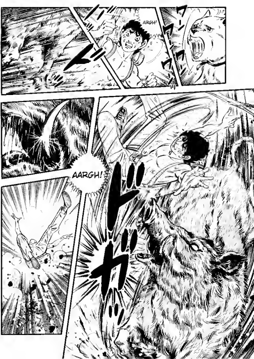
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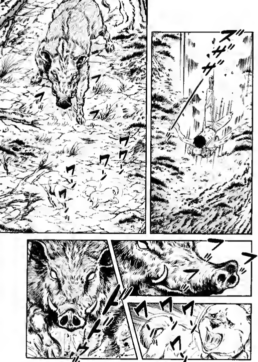
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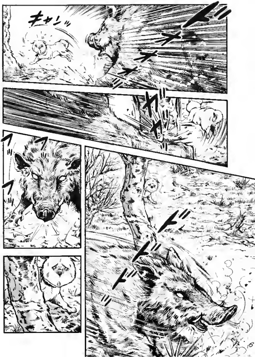
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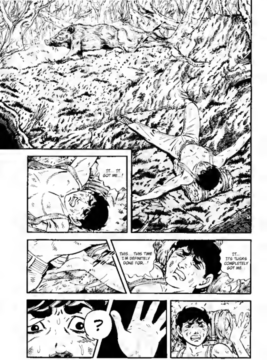
IT... IT GOT ME...!
IT... ITS TUSKS COMPLETELY GOT ME.
THIS... THIS TIME I'M DEFINITELY DONE FOR...!
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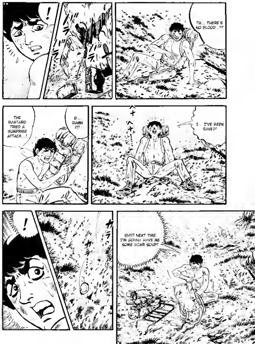
TH... THERE'S NO BLOOD...?!
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I... I'VE BEEN SAVED!
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D... DAMN IT!
THE BASTARD TRIED A SURPRISE ATTACK...!
SHIT! NEXT TIME I'M GONNA HAVE ME SOME BOAR SOUP!
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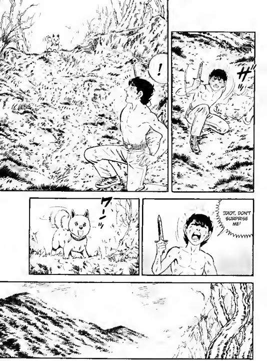
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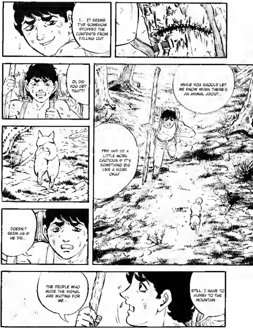
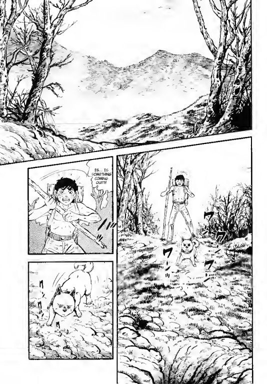
IDIOT, DON'T SURPRISE ME!


I... IT SEEMS I'VE SOMEHOW STOPPED THE CONTENTS FROM FALLING OUT
OI, DID YOU GET THAT?!
WHILE YOU SHOULD LET ME KNOW WHEN THERE'S AN ANIMAL ABOUT...
TRY AND BE A LITTLE MORE CAUTIOUS IF IT'S SOMETHING BIG LIKE A BOAR OKAY
DOESN'T SEEM AS IF HE DID...
THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE SIGNAL ARE WAITING FOR ME...
STILL, I HAVE TO HURRY TO THE MOUNTAIN


IS... IS SOMETHING COMING OUT?!
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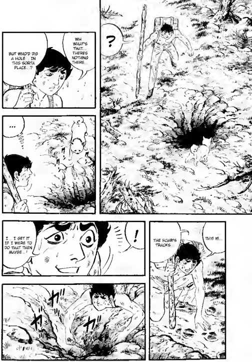
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WH WHAT'S THAT... THERES NOTHING THERE
BUT WHO'D DIG A HOLE... IN THIS SORTA PLACE...?
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THIS IS...
THE BOAR'S TRACKS
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I... I GET IT IF I WERE TO DO THAT THEN MAYBE...!
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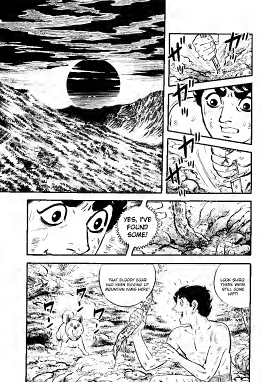
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YES, I'VE FOUND SOME!
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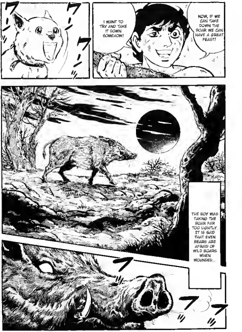
LOOK SHIRO THERE WERE STILL SOME LEFT!
THAT BLOODY BOAR HAD BEEN DIGGING UP MOUNTAIN YAMS HERE!


NOW, IF WE CAN TAKE DOWN THE BOAR WE CAN HAVE A GREAT FEAST!
I WANT TO TRY AND TAKE IT DOWN SOMEHOW!
THE BOY WAS TAKING THE BOAR FAR TOO LIGHTLY. IT IS SAID THAT EVEN BEARS ARE AFRAID OF WILD BOARS WHEN WOUNDED.

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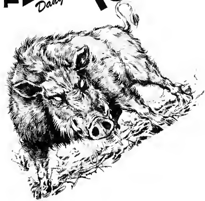

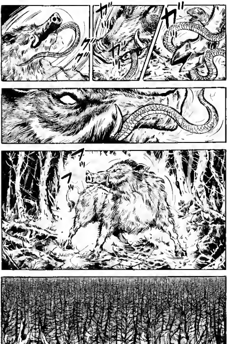
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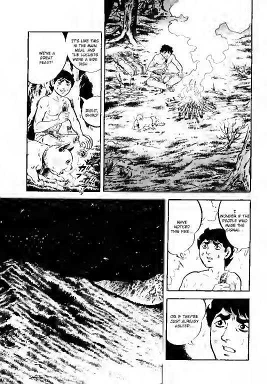
IT'S LIKE THIS IS THE MAIN MEAL AND THE LOCUSTS WERE A SIDE DISH...
WE'VE A GREAT FEAST!
RIGHT, SHIRO!
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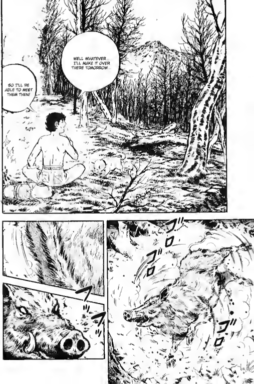
I WONDER IF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE SIGNAL...
HAVE NOTICED THIS FIRE...
OR IF THEY'RE JUST ALREADY ASLEEP...


WELL WHATEVER I'LL MAKE IT OVER THERE TOMORROW...
SO I'LL BE ABLE TO MEET THEM THEN!
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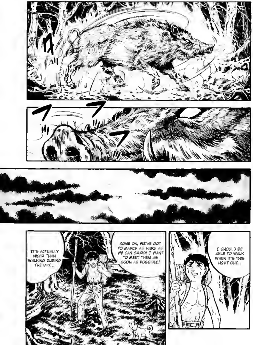
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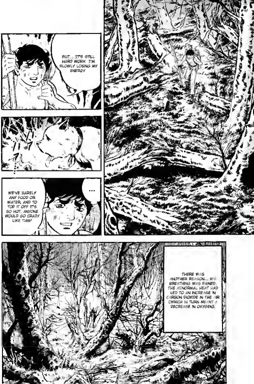
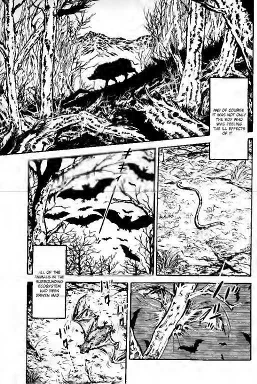
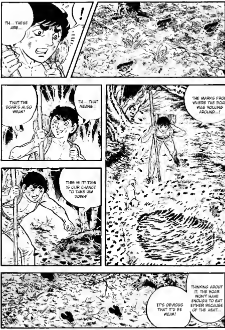
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO WALK WHEN IT'S THIS LIGHT OUT...
COME ON, WE'VE GOT TO MARCH AS HARD AS WE CAN SHIRO! I WANT TO MEET THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
IT'S ACTUALLY NICER THAN WALKING DURING THE DAY...


BUT... IT'S STILL HARD WORK. I'M SLOWLY LOSING MY ENERGY
...
WE'VE BARELY ANY FOOD OR WATER, AND TO TOP IT OFF IT'S SO HOT. ANYONE WOULD GO CRAZY LIKE THIS!
THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON... HIS BREATHING WAS PAINED. THE ABNORMAL HEAT HAD LED TO AN INCREASE IN CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE AIR (WHICH IN TURN MEANT A DECREASE IN OXYGEN).


AND OF COURSE IT WAS NOT ONLY THE BOY WHO WAS FEELING THE ILL EFFECTS OF IT
ALL OF THE ANIMALS IN THE SURROUNDING ECOSYSTEM HAD BEEN DRIVEN MAD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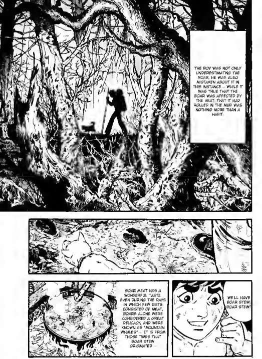
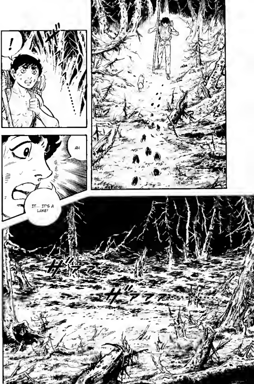
TH... THESE ARE...
THE MARKS FROM WHERE THE BOAR WAS ROLLING AROUND...!
TH... THAT MEANS
THAT THE BOAR'S ALSO WEAK!
THIS IS IT! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO TAKE HIM DOWN!
THINKING ABOUT IT, THE BOAR WON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT EITHER BECAUSE OF THE HEAT...
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT IT'D BE WEAK!


THE BOY WAS NOT ONLY UNDERESTIMATING THE BOAR, HE WAS ALSO MISTAKEN ABOUT IT IN THIS INSTANCE ... WHILE IT WAS TRUE THAT THE BOAR WAS AFFECTED BY THE HEAT, THAT IT HAD ROLLED IN THE MUD WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A HABIT.
BOAR MEAT HAS A WONDERFUL TASTE EVEN DURING THE DAYS IN WHICH FEW DIETS CONSISTED OF MEAT, BOARS ALONE WERE CONSIDERED A GREAT DELICACY, AND WERE KNOWN AS "MOUNTAIN WHALES" ... IT IS FROM THOSE TIMES THAT BOAR STEW ORIGINATED ...
WE'LL HAVE BOAR STEW, BOAR STEW!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IT... IT'S A LAKE!
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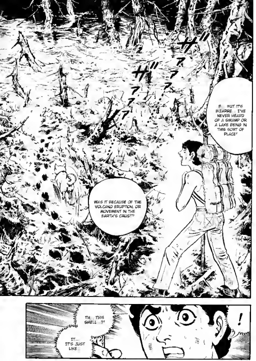
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B... BUT IT'S BIZARRE... I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A SWAMP OR A LAKE BEING IN THIS SORT OF PLACE!
WAS IT BECAUSE OF THE VOLCANO ERUPTION, OR MOVEMENT IN THE EARTH'S CRUST?
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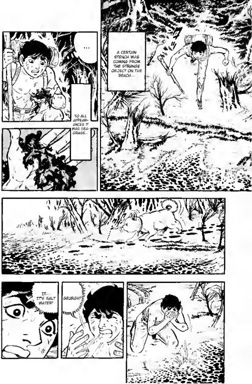
TH... THIS SMELL...?!
IT... IT'S JUST LIKE...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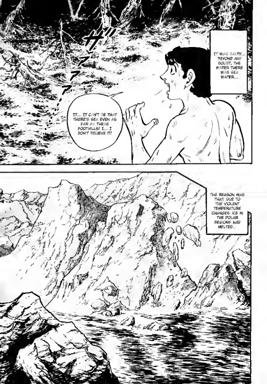
TO ALL APPEARANCES IT WAS SEA-GRASS...
A CERTAIN STENCH WAS COMING FROM THE STRANGE OBJECT ON THE BEACH...
IT... IT'S SALT WATER!
GEURGH!


IT WAS SALTY... BEYOND ANY DOUBT, THE WATER THERE WAS SEA WATER...
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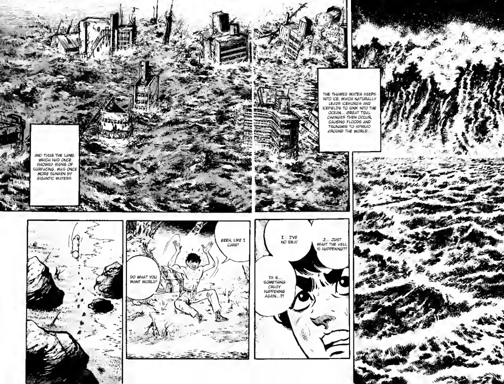
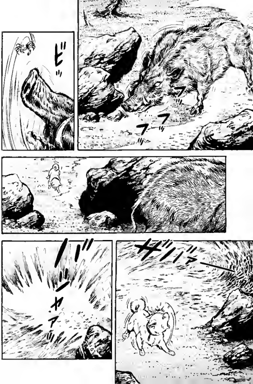
IT... IT CAN'T BE THAT THERE'S SEA EVEN AS FAR AS THESE FOOTHILLS! I... I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
THE REASON WAS THAT DUE TO THE VIOLENT TEMPERATURE CHANGES ICE IN THE POLAR REGIONS HAD MELTED...


THE THAWED WATER SEEPS INTO ICE, WHICH NATURALLY LEADS ICEBURGS AND ICEFIELDS TO SINK INTO THE OCEAN... GREAT TIDAL CHANGES THEN OCCUR, CAUSING FLOODS AND TSUNAMIS TO SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD...
AND THUS THE LAND, WHICH HAD ONCE SHOWED SIGNS OF SURFACING, WAS ONCE MORE SUNKEN BY GIGANTIC WATERS.
J... JUST WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?!
I... I'VE NO IDEA!
IS S... SOMETHING CRAZY HAPPENING AGAIN...?!
EEEH, LIKE I CARE!
DO WHAT YOU WANT WORLD!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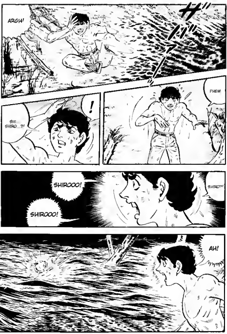
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SHI SHIRO...?!
SHIRO?!
SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!
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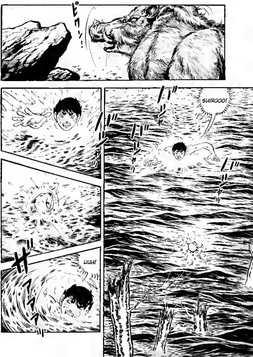
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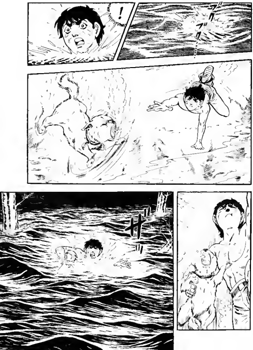
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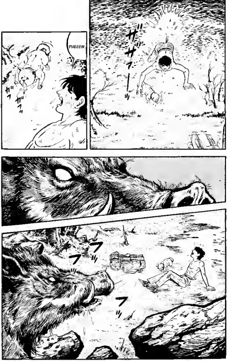
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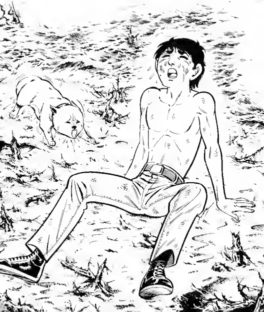

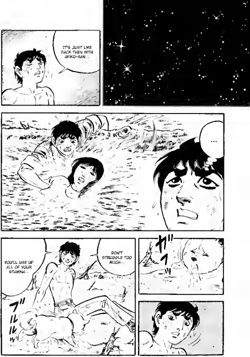
IT'S JUST LIKE BACK THEN WITH AKIKO-SAN...
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DON'T STRUGGLE TOO MUCH...
YOU'LL USE UP ALL OF YOUR STAMINA...
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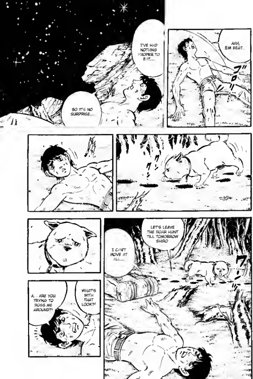
AAH, I'M BEAT...
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I'VE HAD NOTHING PROPER TO EAT...
SO IT'S NO SURPRISE...
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LET'S LEAVE THE BOAR HUNT TILL TOMORROW SHIRO
I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL....
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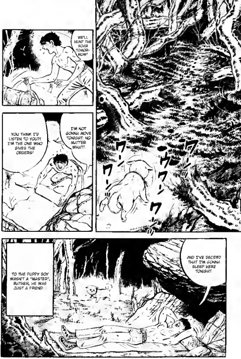
WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?!
A... ARE YOU TRYING TO BOSS ME AROUND?!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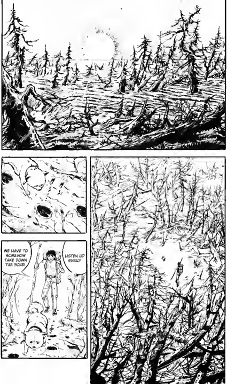
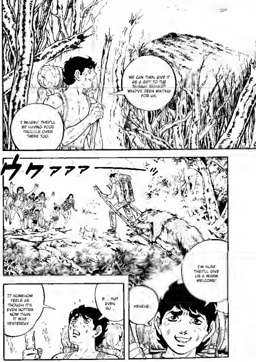
WE'LL HUNT THE BOAR TOMORROW!
I'M NOT GONNA MOVE TONIGHT, NO MATTER WHAT!
YOU THINK I'D LISTEN TO YOU?! I'M THE ONE WHO GIVES THE ORDERS!
AND I'VE DECIDED THAT I'M GONNA SLEEP HERE TONIGHT
TO THE PUPPY BOY WASN'T A "MASTER", RATHER, HE WAS JUST A FRIEND


LISTEN UP SHIRO!
WE HAVE TO SOMEHOW TAKE DOWN THE BOAR


WE CAN THEN GIVE IT AS A GIFT TO THE [illegible] WHO'VE BEEN WAITING FOR US.
I IMAGINE THEY'LL BE HAVING FOOD TROUBLE OVER THERE TOO.
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I'M SURE THEY'LL GIVE US A WARM WELCOME!
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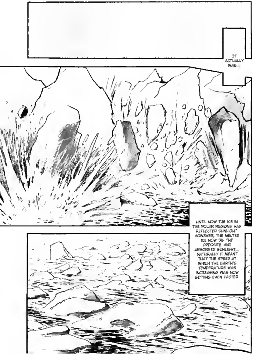
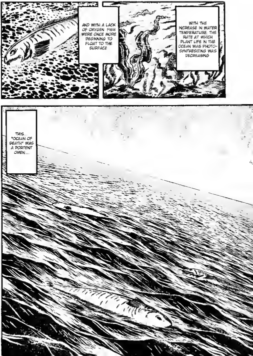
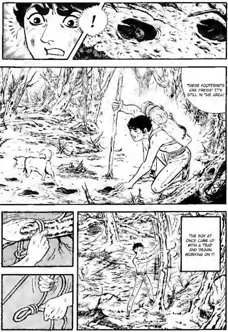
B... BUT EVEN SO...
IT SOMEHOW FEELS AS THOUGH IT'S EVEN HOTTER NOW THAN IT WAS YESTERDAY


IT ACTUALLY WAS...
UNTIL NOW THE ICE IN THE POLAR REGIONS HAD REFLECTED SUNLIGHT HOWEVER, THE MELTED ICE NOW DID THE OPPOSITE AND ABSORBED SUNLIGHT... NATURALLY IT MEANT THAT THE SPEED AT WHICH THE EARTH'S TEMPERATURE WAS INCREASING WAS NOW GETTING EVEN FASTER


WITH THE INCREASE IN WATER TEMPERATURE THE RATE AT WHICH PLANT LIFE IN THE OCEAN WAS PHOTO-SYNTHESIZING WAS DECREASING
AND WITH A LACK OF OXYGEN FISH WERE ONCE MORE BEGINNING TO FLOAT TO THE SURFACE
THIS "OCEAN OF DEATH" WAS A PORTENT OMEN....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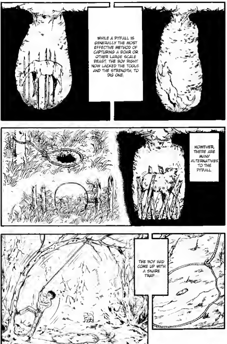
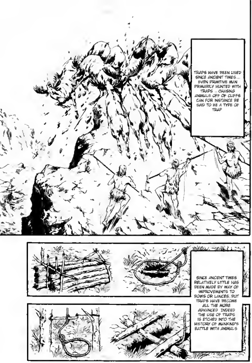
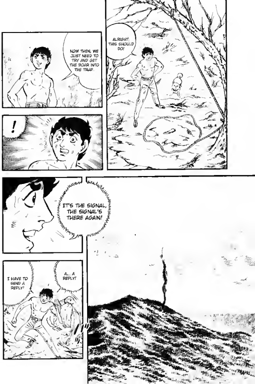
THESE FOOTPRINTS ARE FRESH! IT'S STILL IN THE AREA!
THE BOY AT ONCE CAME UP WITH A TRAP AND BEGAN WORKING ON IT.


WHILE A PITFALL IS GENERALLY THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF CAPTURING A BOAR OR OTHER LARGE SCALE BEAST, THE BOY RIGHT NOW LACKED THE TOOLS AND THE STRENGTH TO DIG ONE.
HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY ALTERNATIVES TO THE PITFALL.
THE BOY HAD COME UP WITH A SNARE TRAP.


TRAPS HAVE BEEN USED SINCE ANCIENT TIMES... EVEN PRIMITIVE MAN PRIMARILY HUNTED WITH TRAPS... CHASING ANIMALS OFF OF CLIFFS CAN FOR INSTANCE BE SAID TO BE A TYPE OF TRAP
SINCE ANCIENT TIMES RELATIVELY LITTLE HAS BEEN MADE BY WAY OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BOWS OR LANCES, BUT TRAPS HAVE BECOME ALL THE MORE ADVANCED. INDEED THE USE OF TRAPS IS ETCHED INTO THE HISTORY OF MANKIND'S BATTLE WITH ANIMALS


ALRIGHT! THIS SHOULD DO!
NOW THEN, WE JUST NEED TO TRY AND GET THE BOAR INTO THE TRAP.
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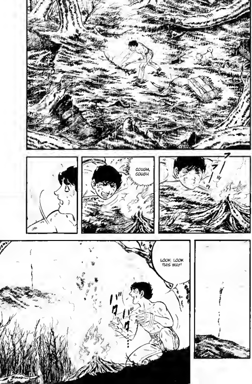
IT'S THE SIGNAL, THE SIGNAL'S THERE AGAIN!
A... A REPLY!
I HAVE TO SEND A REPLY!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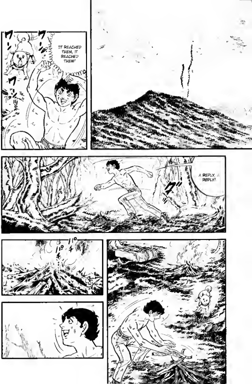
LOOK LOOK THIS WAY!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IT REACHED THEM, IT REACHED THEM!
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A REPLY A REPLY!
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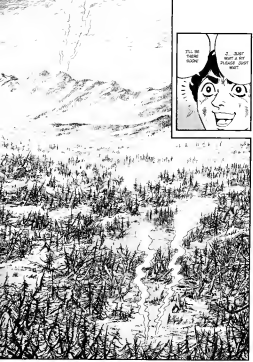
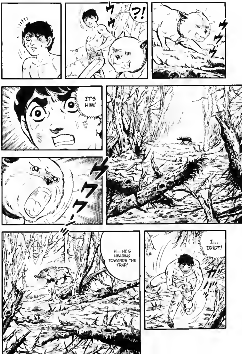

J... JUST WAIT A BIT PLEASE JUST WAIT.
I'LL BE THERE SOON!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IT'S HIM!
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H… HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE TRAP!
I… IDIOT!
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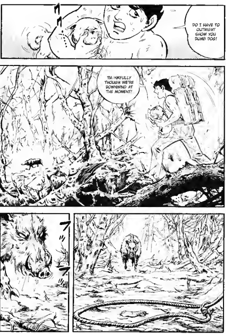
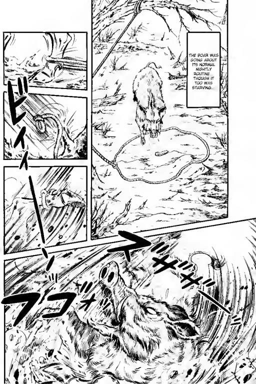

DO I HAVE TO OUTRIGHT SHOW YOU DUMB DOG!
THANKFULLY THOUGH WE'RE DOWNWIND AT THE MOMENT!


THE BOAR WAS GOING ABOUT ITS NORMAL NIGHTLY ROUTINE THOUGH IT TOO WAS STARVING.
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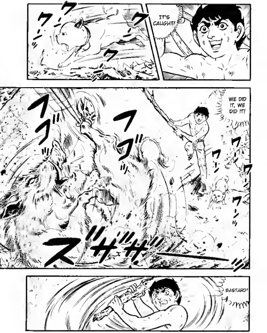
IT'S CAUGHT!
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WE DID IT, WE DID IT!
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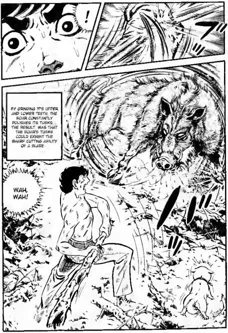
BASTARD!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BY GRINDING IT'S UPPER AND LOWER TEETH THE BOAR CONSTANTLY POLISHES ITS TUSKS THE RESULT WAS THAT THE BOAR'S TUSKS COULD EXHIBIT THE SHARP CUTTING ABILITY OF A BLADE
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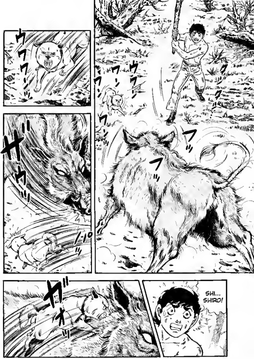
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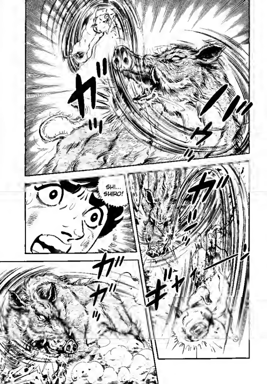
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SHI... SHIRO!
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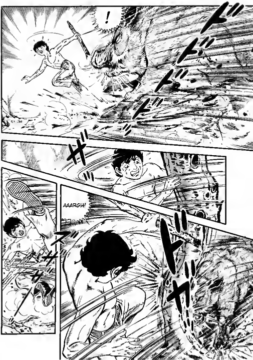
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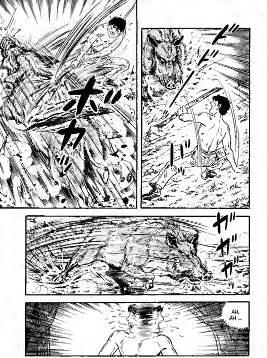
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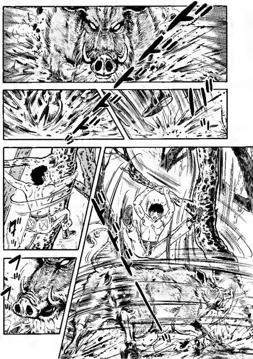
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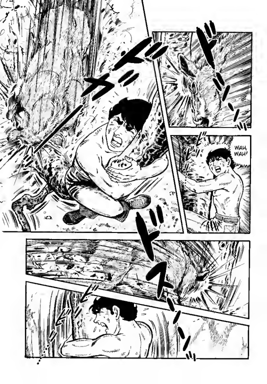
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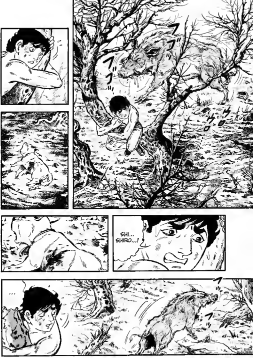
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SHI... SHIRO...!
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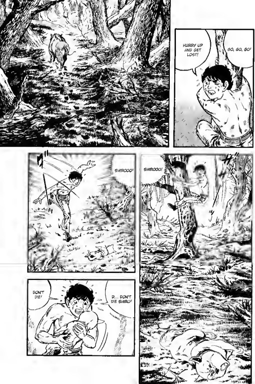
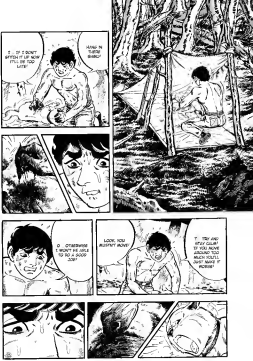
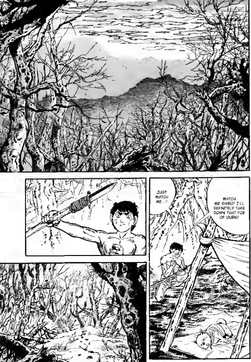
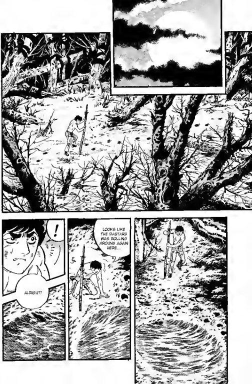

HURRY UP AND GET LOST!
GO, GO, GO!
SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!
DON'T DIE!
D... DON'T DIE SHIRO!


I... IF I DON'T STITCH IT UP NOW IT'LL BE TOO LATE!
HANG IN THERE SHIRO!
O... OTHERWISE I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO A GOOD JOB!
LOOK, YOU MUSTN'T MOVE!
T... TRY AND STAY CALM! IF YOU MOVE AROUND TOO MUCH YOU'LL JUST MAKE IT WORSE!


WATCH ME SHIRO! I'LL DEFINITELY TAKE DOWN THAT FOE OF OURS!
JUST WATCH ME...!


LOOKS LIKE THE BASTARD WAS ROLLING AROUND AGAIN HERE...
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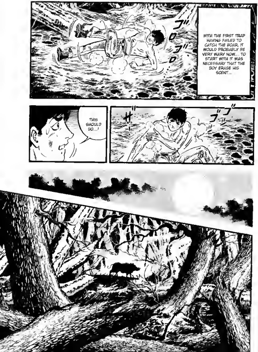
ALRIGHT!


WITH THE FIRST TRAP HAVING FAILED TO CATCH THE BOAR, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE VERY WARY NOW... TO START WITH IT WAS NECESSARY THAT THE BOY ERASE HIS SCENT...
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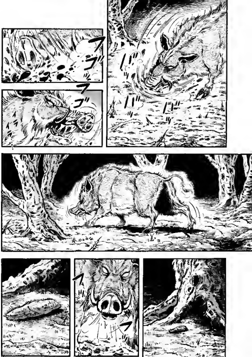
THIS SHOULD DO...!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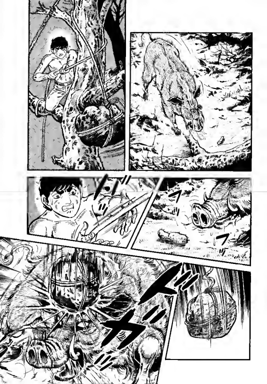
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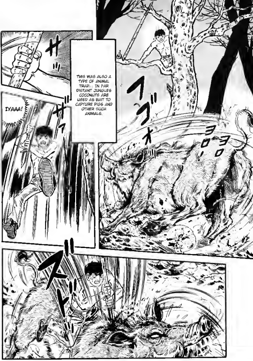
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THIS WAS ALSO A TYPE OF ANIMAL TRAP... IN FAR DISTANT JUNGLES COCONUTS ARE USED AS BAIT TO CAPTURE PIGS AND OTHER SUCH ANIMALS.
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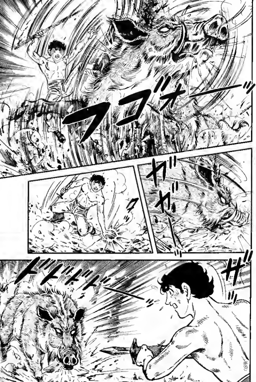
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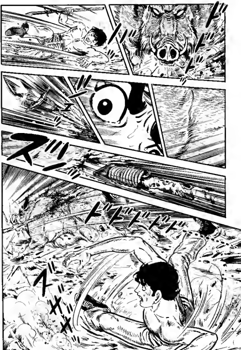
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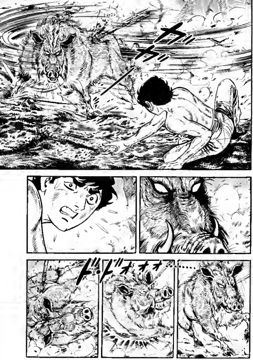

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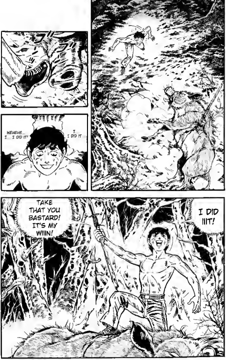
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I DID IT
HEHEHE...
I... I DID IT!
I DID IIIT!
TAKE THAT YOU BASTARD! IT'S MY WIIIN!

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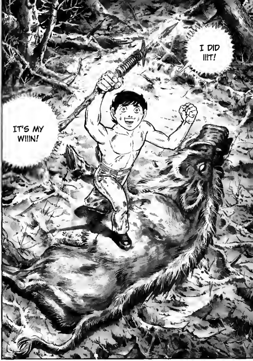
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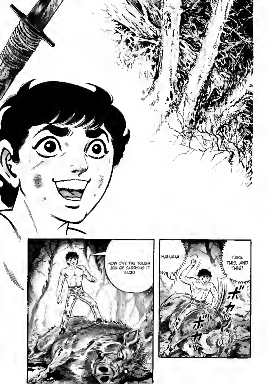
HAHAHA
TAKE THIS, AND THIS!
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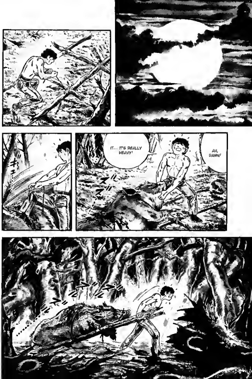
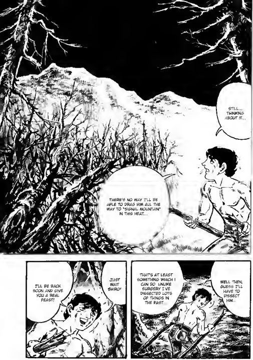
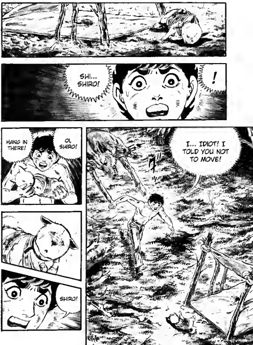
NOW I'VE THE TOUGH JOB OF CARRYING IT BACK!


AH, DAMN!
IT... IT'S REALLY HEAVY!


STILL... THINKING ABOUT IT...
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO DRAG HIM ALL THE WAY TO "SIGNAL MOUNTAIN" IN THIS HEAT...
WELL THEN, GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DISSECT HIM...
THAT'S AT LEAST SOMETHING WHICH I CAN DO UNLIKE SURGERY I'VE DISSECTED LOTS OF THINGS IN THE PAST...
JUST WAIT SHIRO!
I'LL BE BACK SOON AND GIVE YOU A REAL FEAST!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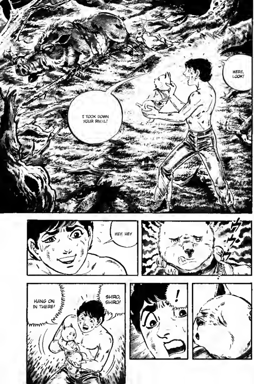
SHI... SHIRO!
I... IDIOT! I TOLD YOU NOT TO MOVE!
OI, SHIRO!
HANG IN THERE!
SHIRO!


HERE, LOOK!
I TOOK DOWN YOUR RIVAL!
HEY, HEY
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SHIRO, SHIRO!
HANG ON IN THERE!
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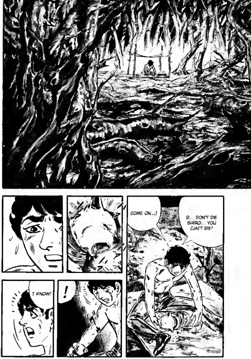
D... DON'T DIE SHIRO... YOU CAN'T DIE!
COME ON...!
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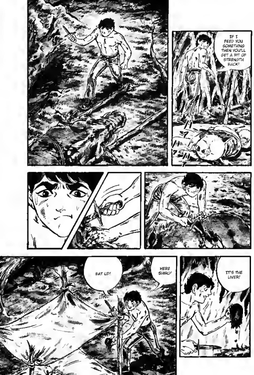
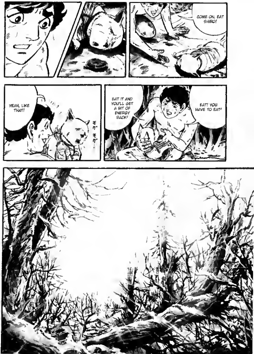
I KNOW!


IF I FEED YOU SOMETHING THEN YOU'LL GET A BIT OF STRENGTH BACK!
HERE SHIRO!
EAT UP!
IT'S THE LIVER!


COME ON, EAT SHIRO!
EAT! YOU HAVE TO EAT!
EAT IT AND YOU'LL GET A BIT OF ENERGY BACK!
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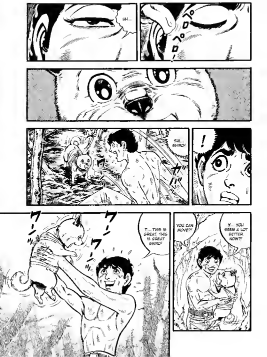
YEAH, LIKE THAT!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UH...
SHI... SHIRO!
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Y... YOU SEEM A LOT BETTER NOW?!
YOU CAN MOVE?!
T... THIS IS GREAT. THIS IS GREAT SHIRO!
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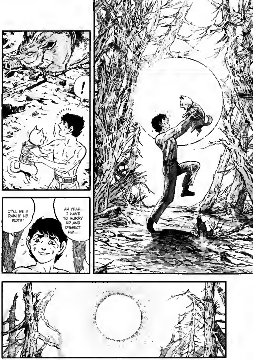
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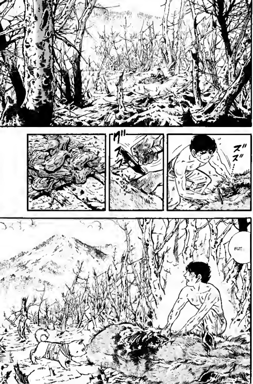
AH YEAH. I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND DISSECT HIM...
IT'LL BE A PAIN IF HE ROTS!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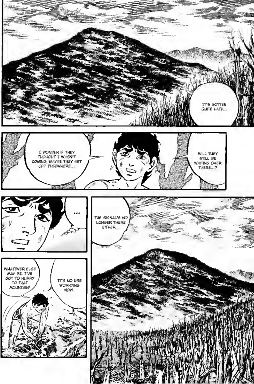
IT'S GOTTEN QUITE LATE...
WILL THEY STILL BE WAITING OVER THERE...?
I WONDER IF THEY THOUGHT I WASN'T COMING, MAYBE THEY GET OFF ELSEWHERE...
THE SIGNAL'S NO LONGER THERE EITHER.
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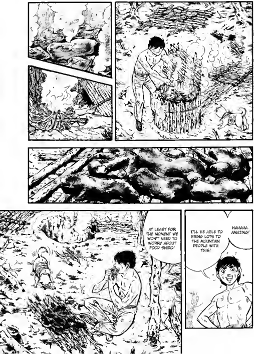
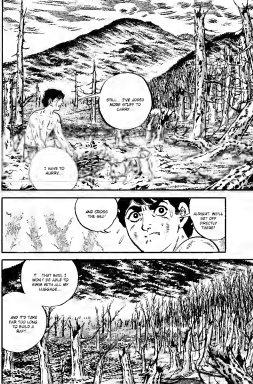
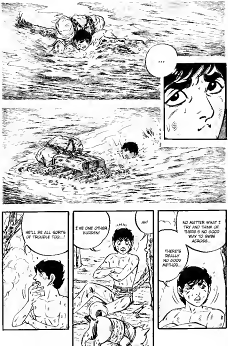
IT'S NO USE WORRYING NOW.
WHATEVER ELSE MAY BE, I'VE GOT TO HURRY TO THAT MOUNTAIN!


HAHAHA AMAZING!
I'LL BE ABLE TO BRING LOTS TO THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE WITH THIS!
AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT WE WON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT FOOD SHIRO!


STILL... I'VE ADDED MORE STUFF TO CARRY...
I HAVE TO HURRY...
ALRIGHT. WE'LL SET OFF DIRECTLY THERE!
AND CROSS THE SEA!
T... THAT SAID, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SWIM WITH ALL MY LUGGAGE...
AND IT'D TAKE FAR TOO LONG TO BUILD A RAFT...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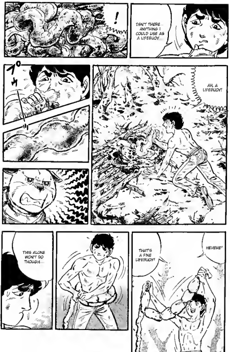
NO MATTER WHAT I TRY AND THINK OF THERE'S NO GOOD WAY TO SWIM ACROSS...
THERE'S REALLY NO GOOD METHOD...
AH!
I'VE ONE OTHER BURDEN!
HE'LL BE ALL SORTS OF TROUBLE TOO...!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ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I COULD USE AS A LIFEBUOY...
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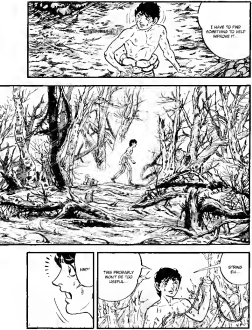
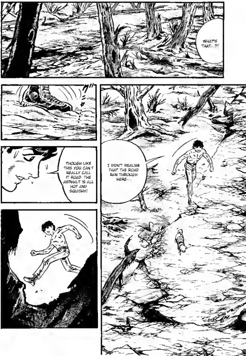
AH, A LIFEBUOY!
THIS ALONE WON'T DO THOUGH...
THAT'S A FINE LIFEBUOY!
HEHEHE!


I HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING TO HELP IMPROVE IT...
HM?!
STRING EH....
THIS PROBABLY WON'T BE TOO USEFUL...


WHAT'S THAT...?!
I DIDN'T REALISE THAT THE ROAD RAN THROUGH HERE...
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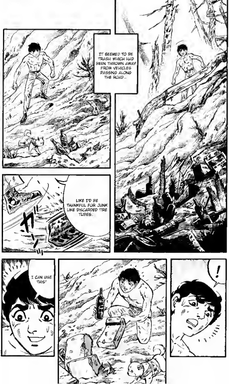
THOUGH LIKE THIS YOU CAN'T REALLY CALL IT ROAD. THE ASPHALT IS ALL HOT AND SQUISHY!


IT SEEMED TO BE TRASH WHICH HAD BEEN THROWN AWAY FROM VEHICLES PASSING ALONG THE ROAD...
LIKE I'D BE THANKFUL FOR JUNK LIKE DISCARDED TIRE TUBES...
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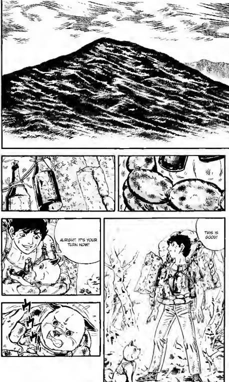
I CAN USE THIS!


ALRIGHT. IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!
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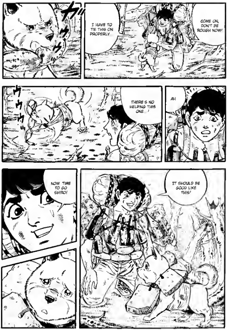
THIS IS GOOD!


COME ON, DON'T BE ROUGH NOW!
I HAVE TO TIE THIS ON PROPERLY
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AH
THERE'S NO HELPING THIS ONE...!
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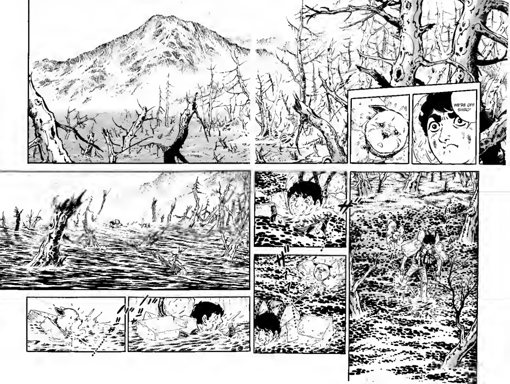
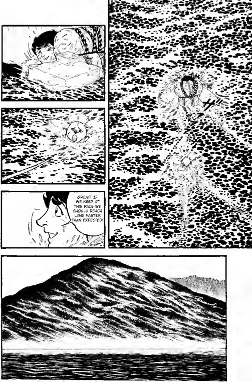
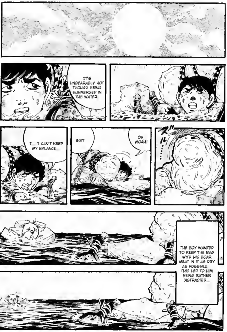
IT SHOULD BE GOOD LIKE THIS!
NOW TIME TO GO SHIRO!


WE'RE OFF SHIRO!


GREAT! IF WE KEEP AT THIS PACE WE SHOULD REACH LAND FASTER THAN EXPECTED!


IT'S UNBEARABLY HOT THOUGH BEING SUBMERGED IN THE WATER
I... I CAN'T KEEP MY BALANCE...
SHIT
OH, WOAH!
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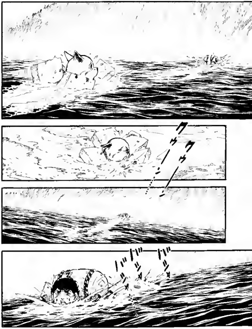
THE BOY WANTED TO KEEP THE BAG WITH HIS BOAR MEAT IN IT AS DRY AS POSSIBLE THIS LED TO HIM BEING RATHER DISTRACTED...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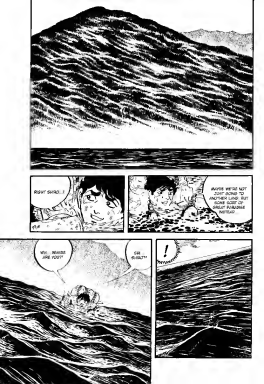
RIGHT SHIRO...!
MAYBE WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO ANOTHER LAND, BUT SOME SORT OF GREAT PARADISE INSTEAD...
WH... WHERE ARE YOU?!
SHI... SHIRO?!
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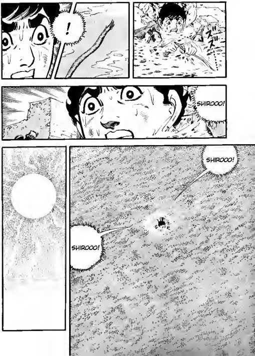
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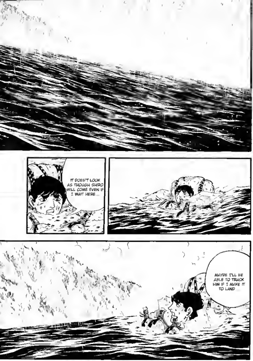
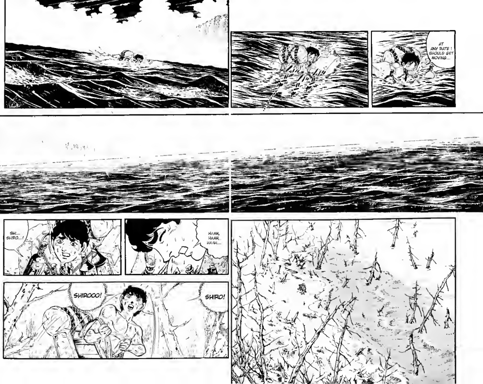
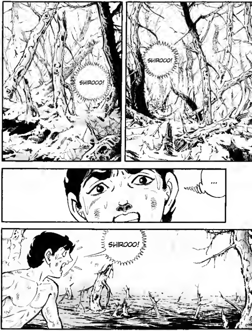
SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!


IT DOESN'T LOOK AS THOUGH SHIRO WILL COME EVEN IF I WAIT HERE...
MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO TRACK HIM IF I MAKE IT TO LAND


AT ANY RATE I SHOULD GET MOVING...
SHI... SHIRO...!
HAAH, HAAH, HAAH...
SHIROOO!
SHIRO!


SHIROOO!
SHIROO!
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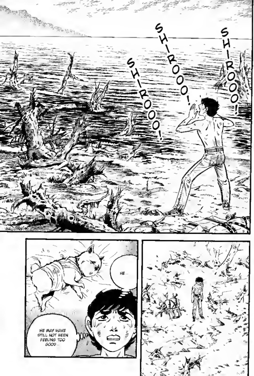
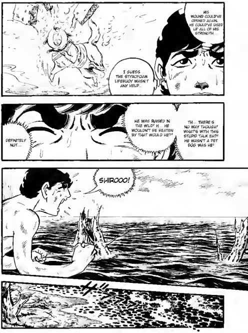
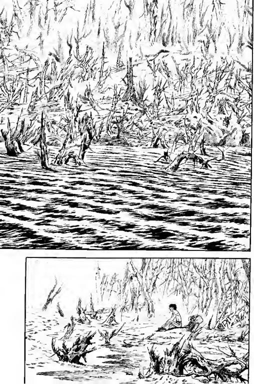
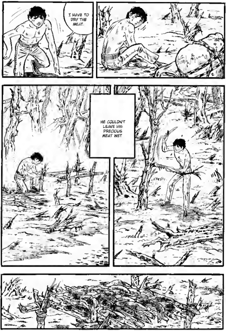
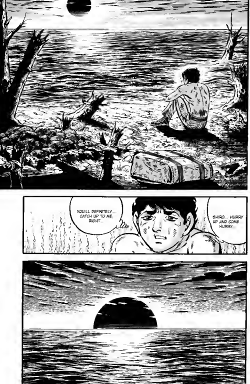
SHIROOO!

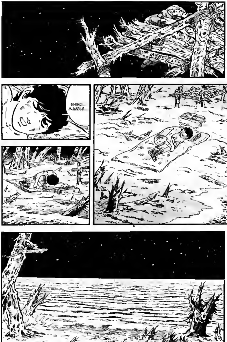

SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!
SHIROOO!
HE...
HE MAY HAVE STILL NOT BEEN FEELING TOO GOOD...

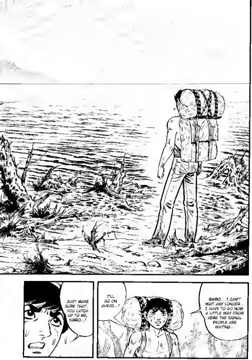

HIS WOUND COULD'VE OPENED AGAIN. HE COULD'VE USED UP ALL OF HIS STRENGTH...
I GUESS THE STYROFOAM LIFEBUOY WASN'T ANY HELP...
TH... THERE'S NO WAY THOUGH! WHAT'S WITH THIS STUPID TALK EH?! HE WASN'T A PET DOG WAS HE!
HE WAS RAISED IN THE WILD! H... HE WOULDN'T BE BEATEN BY THAT WOULD HE?!
DEFINITELY NOT...
SHIROOO!

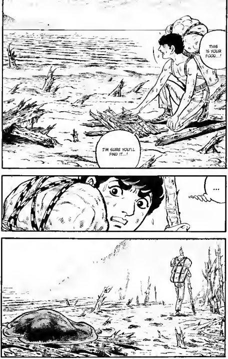



I HAVE TO DRY THE MEAT.
HE COULDN'T LEAVE HIS PRECIOUS MEAT WET


SHIRO... HURRY UP AND COME HURRY...
YOU'LL DEFINITELY CATCH UP TO ME RIGHT...


SHIRO... MUMBLE


SHIRO... I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER... I HAVE TO GO NOW... A LITTLE WAY FROM HERE THE SIGNAL PEOPLE ARE WAITING...
I'LL GO ON AHEAD...!
JUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU CATCH UP TO ME, SHIRO...!


THIS IS YOUR FOOD...!
I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND IT...!
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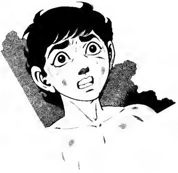
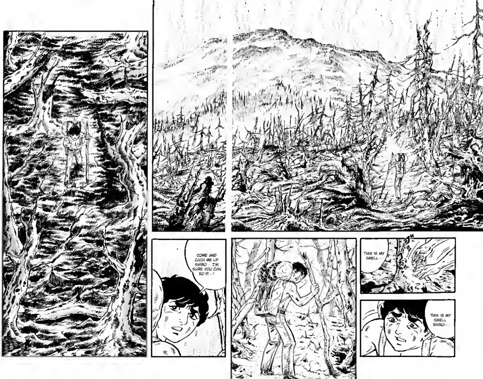
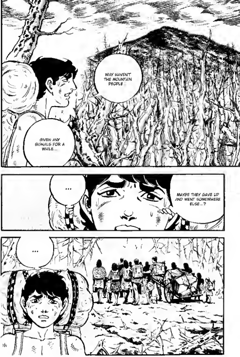



THIS IS MY SMELL...
THIS IS MY SMELL SHIRO...
COME AND CACH ME UP SHIRO... I'M SURE YOU CAN DO IT...!


WHY HAVEN'T THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE
GIVEN ANY SIGNALS FOR A WHILE...
MAYBE THEY GAVE UP AND WENT SOMEWHERE ELSE...?
...
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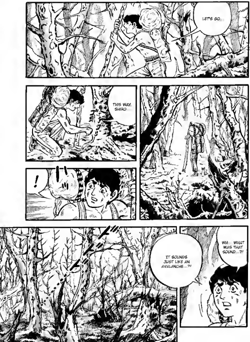
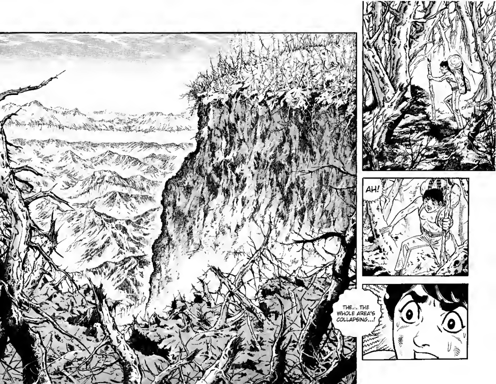
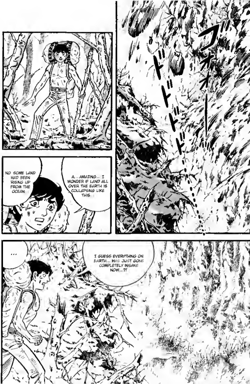

LET'S GO...
THIS WAY, SHIRO...
!
WH... WHAT WAS THAT SOUND...?!
IT SOUNDS JUST LIKE AN AVALANCHE...?!


AH!
THE... THE WHOLE AREA'S COLLAPSING...!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A... AMAZING... I WONDER IF LAND ALL OVER THE EARTH IS COLLAPSING LIKE THIS...
NO SOME LAND HAD BEEN RISING UP FROM THE OCEAN...
I GUESS EVERYTHING ON EARTH... HAS JUST GONE COMPLETELY INSANE NOW...?!
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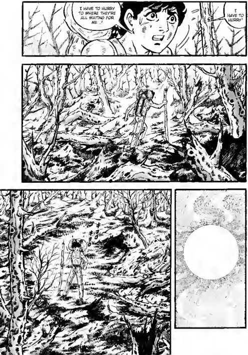
I HAVE TO HURRY!
I HAVE TO HURRY TO WHERE THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR ME...!
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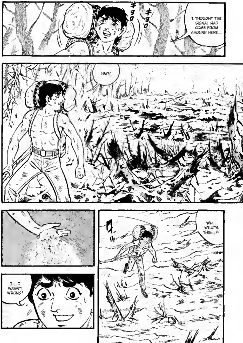
I THOUGHT THE SIGNAL HAD COME FROM AROUND HERE...
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HM?!
WH... WHAT'S THIS...?!
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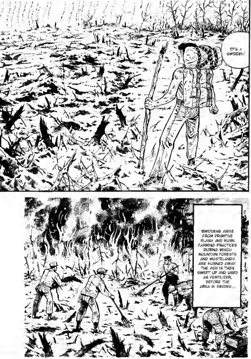
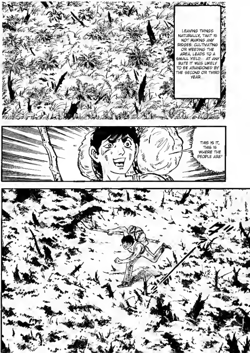
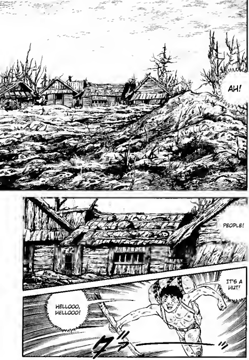
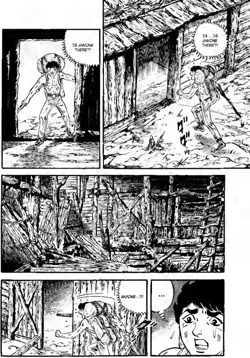
I... I WASN'T WRONG!


IT'S A SWIDDEN!
SWIDDENS ARISE FROM PRIMITIVE SLASH AND BURN FARMING PRACTICES DURING WHICH MOUNTAIN FORESTS AND WASTELANDS ARE BURNED AWAY. THE ASH IS THEN SWEPT UP AND USED AS FERTILIZER, BEFORE THE AREA IS SEEDED...


LEAVING THINGS NATURALLY, THAT IS NOT MAKING ANY RIDGES, CULTIVATING OR WEEDING THE AREA, LEADS TO A SMALL YIELD. AT ANY RATE IT WAS LIKELY TO BE ABANDONED BY THE SECOND OR THIRD YEAR.
THIS IS IT, THIS IS WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE!


AH!
PEOPLE!
IT'S A HUT!
HELLOOO, HELLOOO!


IS... IS ANYONE THERE?!
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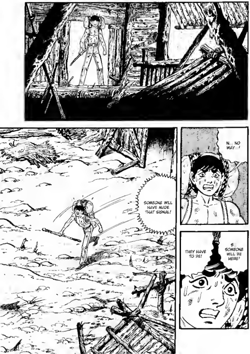
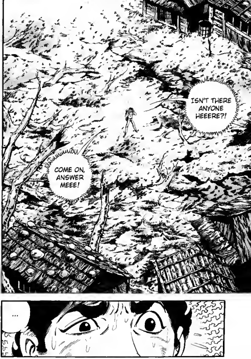
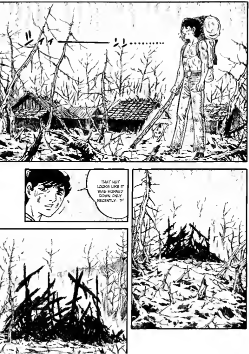
IS ANYONE THERE?!
...
ANYONE...?!


N... NO WAY...!
SOMEONE WILL HAVE MADE THAT SIGNAL!
S... SOMEONE WILL BE HERE!
THEY HAVE TO BE!


ISN'T THERE ANYONE HEEEERE?!
COME ON, ANSWER MEEE!
...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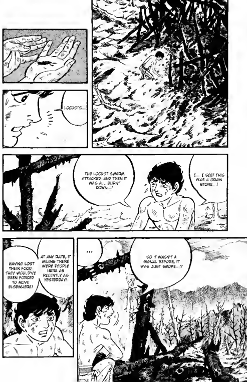
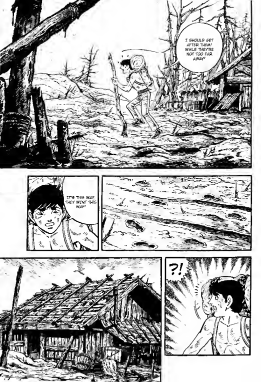
THAT HUT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS BURNED DOWN ONLY RECENTLY…?!


LOCUSTS...
I... I SEE! THIS WAS A GRAIN STORE... !
THE LOCUST SWARM ATTACKED AND THEN IT WAS ALL BURNT DOWN...!
SO IT WASN'T A SIGNAL BEFORE, IT WAS JUST SMOKE...?
...
AT ANY RATE, IT MEANS THERE WERE PEOPLE HERE AS RECENTLY AS YESTERDAY!
HAVING LOST THEIR FOOD THEY WOULD'VE BEEN FORCED TO MOVE ELSEWHERE!


I SHOULD GET AFTER THEM! WHILE THEY'RE NOT TOO FAR AWAY!
IT'S THIS WAY THEY WENT THIS WAY!
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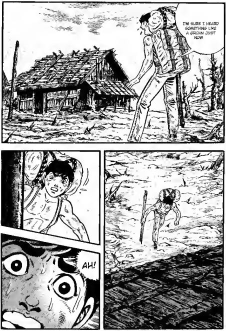
I'M SURE I HEARD SOMETHING LIKE A GROAN JUST NOW
AH!

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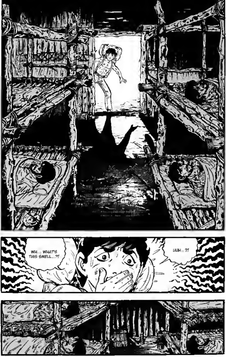
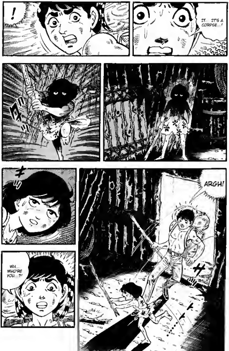
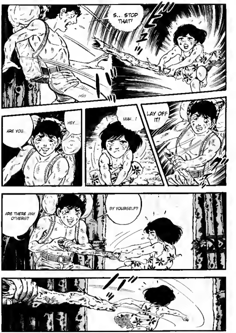
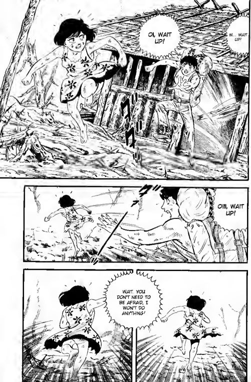
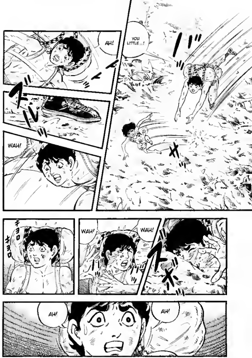

WH... WHAT'S THIS SMELL...?!
UUH...?!


!
IT... IT'S A CORPSE...!
WH... WHO'RE YOU...?!
ARGH!


S.. STOP THAT!
LAY OFF IT!
UUH...!
HEY...
ARE YOU
BY YOURSELF?
ARE THERE ANY OTHERS?


W... WAIT UP!
OI, WAIT UP!
OIII, WAIT UP!
WAIT YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID, I WON'T DO ANYTHING!


YOU LITTLE...!
AH!
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WAH!
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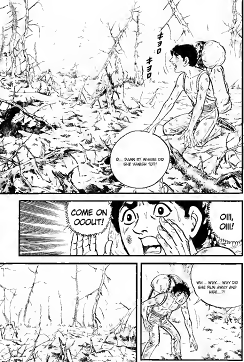
AH!
AH!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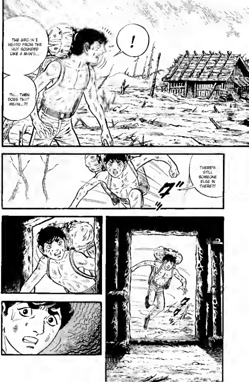
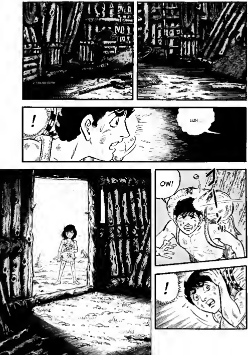
D... DAMN IT! WHERE DID SHE VANISH TO?!
OIII, OIII!
COME ON OOOUT!
WH... WHY... WHY DID SHE RUN AWAY AND HIDE...?!


THE GROAN I HEARD FROM THE HUT SOUNDED LIKE A MAN'S...
TH... THEN DOES THAT MEAN...?!
!
THERE'S STILL SOMEONE ELSE IN THERE?!


UUH
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OW!
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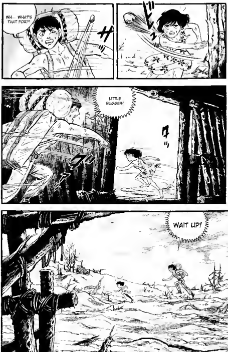
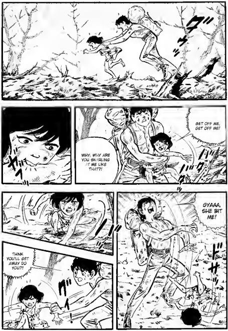

WH... WHAT'S THAT FOR?!
LITTLE BUGGER!
WAIT UP!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GET OFF ME, GET OFF ME!
WHY, WHY ARE YOU SNARLING AT ME LIKE THAT?!
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GYAAA, SHE BIT ME!
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THINK YOU'LL GET AWAY DO YOU?!
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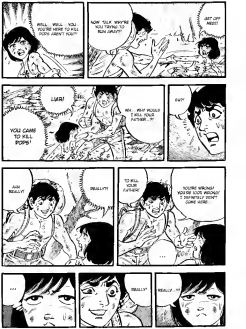
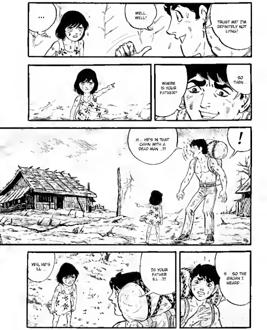
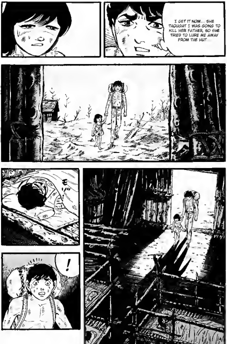

WELL... WELL... YOU... YOU'RE HERE TO KILL POPS AREN'T YOU?!
NOW TALK WHY'RE YOU TRYING TO RUN AWAY?!
GET OFF MEEE!
LIAR!
YOU CAME TO KILL POPS!
WH... WHY WOULD I KILL YOUR FATHER...?!
EH?!
AAH REALLY!
REALLY?!
TO KILL YOUR FATHER!
YOU'RE WRONG! YOU'RE 100% WRONG! I DEFINITELY DIDN'T COME HERE...
...
...
REALLY!
REALLY...?!


TRUST ME! I'M DEFINITELY NOT LYING!
WELL WELL!
...
SO THEN...
WHERE IS YOUR FATHER?
!
H... HE'S IN THAT CABIN WITH A DEAD MAN...?!
S... SO THE GROAN I HEARD...
IS YOUR FATHER ILL...?!
YES, HE'S ILL...


I GET IT NOW... SHE THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO KILL HER FATHER, SO SHE TRIED TO LURE ME AWAY FROM THE HUT...
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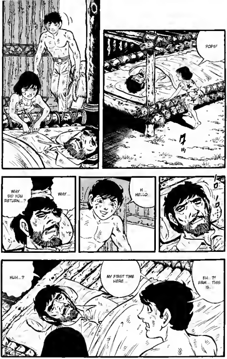
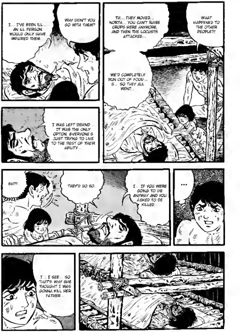
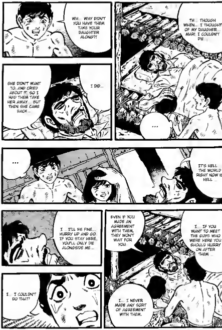
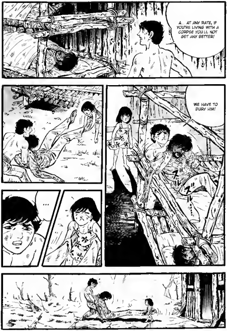

POPS!
H... HELLO
WHY...
WHY DID YOU RETURN...?
EH...?! ERM... THIS IS...
MY FIRST TIME HERE...
HUH...?


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER PEOPLE?!
TH... THEY MOVED NORTH... YOU CAN'T RAISE CROPS HERE ANYMORE, AND THEN THE LOCUSTS ATTACKED...
WE'D COMPLETELY RUN OUT OF FOOD... S... SO THEY ALL WENT.
WHY DIDN'T YOU GO WITH THEM?
I... I'VE BEEN ILL... AN ILL PERSON WOULD ONLY HAVE IMPAIRED THEM.
I WAS LEFT BEHIND... IT WAS THE ONLY OPTION. EVERYONE'S JUST TRYING TO LIVE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY...
...
I... IF YOU WERE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY AND YOU ASKED TO BE KILLED
THEY'D DO SO...
EH?!
I... I SEE... SO THAT'S WHY SHE THOUGHT I WAS GONNA KILL HER FATHER...


TH... THOUGH WHEN... I THOUGHT OF MY DAUGHTER... MARI, I COULDN'T DIE
...
WH... WHY DIDN'T YOU HAVE THEM TAKE YOUR DAUGHTER ALONG?!
I DID...
SHE DIDN'T WANT TO, AND CRIED ABOUT IT. SO I HAD THEM TAKE HER AWAY... BUT THEN SHE CAME BACK...
IT'S HELL. THE WORLD RIGHT NOW IS HELL...
...
I... IF YOU WANT TO MEET THE GUYS WHO WERE HERE YOU SHOULD HURRY ON AFTER THEM...
EVEN IF YOU MADE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM, THEY WON'T WAIT FOR YOU.
I... I NEVER MADE ANY SORT OF AGREEMENT WITH THEM.
I... I'LL BE FINE... HURRY UP AND GO. IF YOU STAY HERE, YOU'LL ONLY DIE ALONGSIDE ME...
I... I COULDN'T DO THAT!


A... AT ANY RATE, IF YOU'RE LIVING WITH A CORPSE YOU'LL NOT GET ANY BETTER!
WE HAVE TO BURY HIM!
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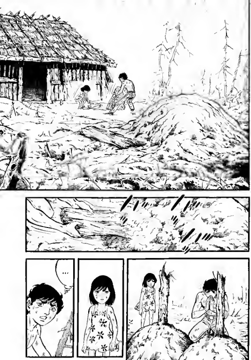

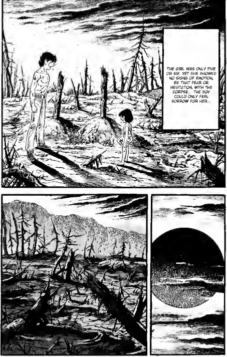
THE GIRL WAS ONLY FIVE OR SIX YET SHE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF EMOTION, BE THAT FEAR OR HESITATION, WITH THE CORPSE... THE BOY COULD ONLY FEEL SORROW FOR HER...

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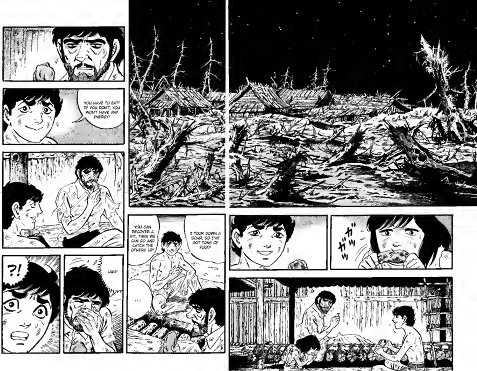
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I TOOK DOWN A BOAR, SO I'VE GOT TONS OF FOOD!
YOU CAN RECOVER A BIT, THEN WE CAN GO AND CATCH THE OTHERS UP!
...
YOU HAVE TO EAT! IF YOU DON'T, YOU WON'T HAVE ANY ENERGY!
UUH!
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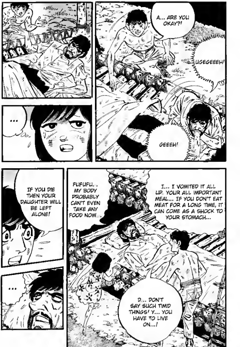
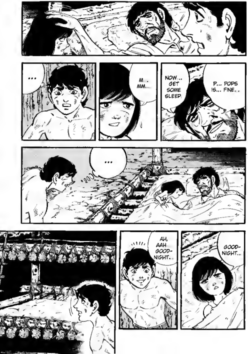
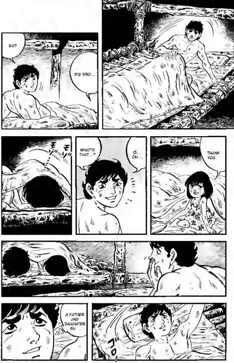

A... ARE YOU OKAY?!
USEGEEEEH!
GEEEH!
...
I... I VOMITED IT ALL UP. YOUR ALL IMPORTANT MEAL... IF YOU DON'T EAT MEAT FOR A LONG TIME, IT CAN COME AS A SHOCK TO YOUR STOMACH...
FUFUFU.. MY BODY PROBABLY CAN'T EVEN TAKE ANY FOOD NOW
D... DON'T SAY SUCH TIMID THINGS! Y... YOU HAVE TO LIVE ON...!
IF YOU DIE THEN YOUR DAUGHTER WILL BE LEFT ALONE!
...


P... POPS IS... FINE..
NOW.. GET SOME SLEEP.
M.. MM..
...
...
GOOD-NIGHT..
AH, AAH GOOD-NIGHT..


BIG BRO...
EH?
THANK YOU.
O... OH...
WHAT'S THAT...?
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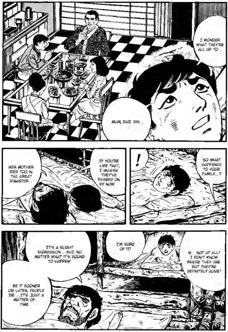
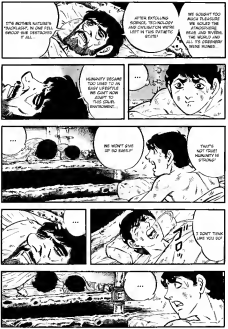
A FATHER AND DAUGHTER EH


I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE ALL UP TO
MUM, DAD, SIS
!
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FAMILY...?
IF YOU'RE LIKE THAT, I IMAGINE THEY'VE PASSED ON BY NOW
HER MOTHER DIED TOO IN THE GREAT DISASTER...
N... NOT AT ALL! I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY ALIVE!
I'M SURE OF IT!
IT'S A SLIGHT DIGRESSION... BUT NO MATTER WHAT IT'S BOUND TO HAPPEN!
BE IT SOONER OR LATER, PEOPLE DIE... IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME.


WE SOUGHT TOO MUCH PLEASURE WE SOILED THE ATMOSPHERE SEAS AND RIVERS, THE WORLD AND ALL ITS GREENERY WERE RUINED...
AFTER EXTOLLING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND CIVILISATION WE'RE LEFT IN THIS PATHETIC STATE!
IT'S MOTHER NATURE'S "BACKLASH", IN ONE FELL SWOOP SHE DESTROYED IT ALL...
...
HUMANITY BECAME TOO USED TO AN EASY LIFESTYLE WE CAN'T NOW ADAPT TO THIS CRUEL ENVIROMENT...
THAT'S NOT TRUE! HUMANITY IS STRONG!
WE WON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY!
...
I DON'T THINK LIKE YOU DO!
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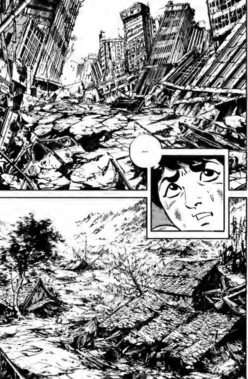

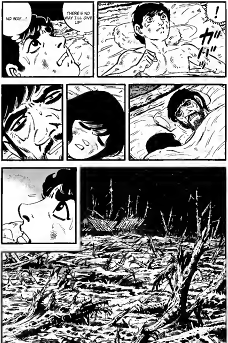
NO WAY...!
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL GIVE UP!
!
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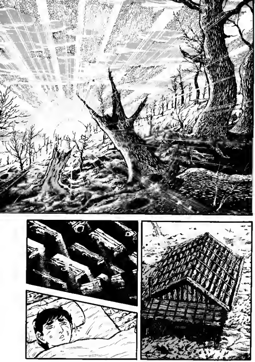
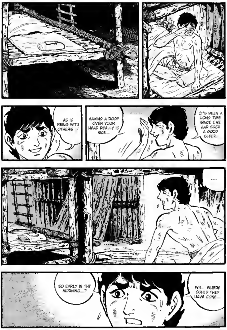
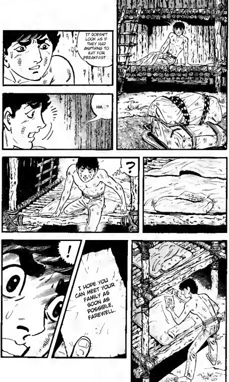
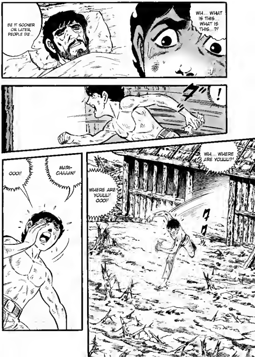



IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE HAD SUCH A GOOD SLEEP...
HAVING A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD REALLY IS NICE....
AS IS BEING WITH OTHERS
...
WH... WHERE COULD THEY HAVE GONE...
SO EARLY IN THE MORNING...?


IT DOESN'T LOOK AS IF THEY HAD ANYTHING TO EAT FOR BREAKFAST.
HM...?
?
!
I HOPE YOU CAN MEET YOUR FAMILY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FAREWELL.


WH... WHAT IS THIS... WHAT IS THIS...?!
BE IT SOONER OR LATER, PEOPLE DIE...
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WH... WHERE ARE YOUUU!?!
WHERE ARE YOUUU! OOOI!
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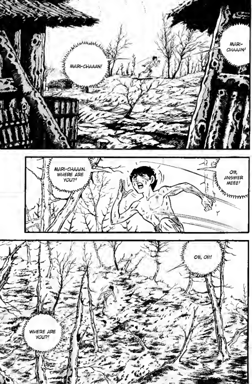
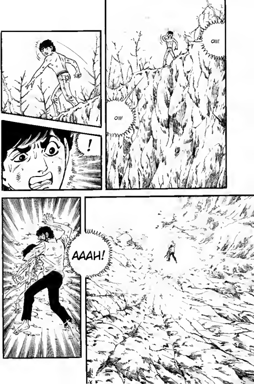
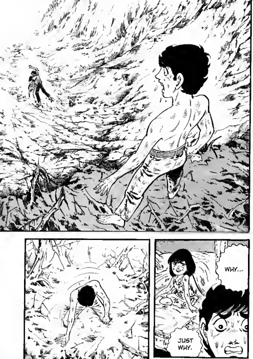
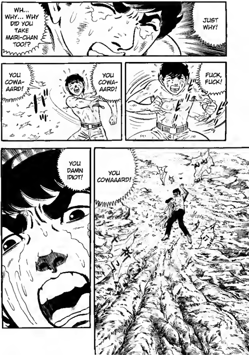
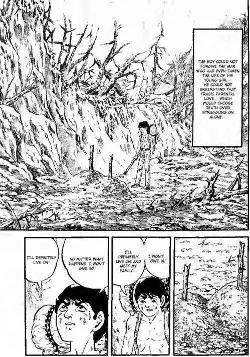
MARI-CHAAAN!
OOOI!

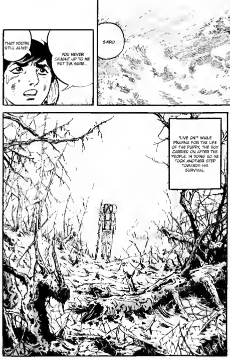

MARI-CHAAAN!
MARI-CHAAAN!
OIII, ANSWER MEEE!
MARI-CHAAAN. WHERE ARE YOU?!
OIII, OIII!
WHERE ARE YOU?!


OIII!
OIII!
!
AAAH!


WHY...
JUST WHY.


WH... WHY... WHY DID YOU TAKE MARI-CHAN TOO!?
JUST WHY!
YOU COWA-AARD!
YOU COWA-AARD!
FUCK, FUCK!
YOU DAMN IDIOT!
YOU COWAAARD!


THE BOY COULD NOT FORGIVE THE MAN WHO HAD EVEN TAKEN THE LIFE OF HIS YOUNG GIRL... HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THAT TRAGIC PARENTAL LOVE... WHICH WOULD CHOOSE DEATH OVER STRUGGLING ON ALONE...
I'LL DEFINITELY LIVE ON!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WON'T GIVE IN!
I'LL DEFINITELY LIVE ON, AND MEET MY FAMILY...
I WON'T GIVE IN!


SHIRO
YOU NEVER CAUGHT UP TO ME BUT I'M SURE...
THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
"LIVE ON" WHILE PRAYING FOR THE LIFE OF THE PUPPY, THE BOY CARRIED ON AFTER THE PEOPLE, IN DOING SO HE TOOK ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS HIS SURVIVAL

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